

were conducted to a spacious building, hastily yet tastefully converted into a handsome hall, wherein tables were spread for a collation. The "table of honor" was occupied by His Eminence Cardinal Franchi, Mgr. De Merode, Prof. J. B. DeRoni, the Rector of the American College, Madame De Corcelles, French Ambassadors, Mrs. Peter, and other distinguished personages. After refreshments were served, Father Daly, S. J., proposed a toast in honor of the Holy Father, alluding eloquently to the consolation experienced by the Pilgrims at having been so lovingly welcomed and having been communicated at the august hands of that saintly and most venerated Pontiff. All the Pilgrims stood during the speech of Father Daly, in token of reverence. Several other beautiful addresses were delivered. At eleven o'clock, the assemblage broke up. No music, no sumptuous decorations, none of those noisy spectacles wherewith the world surrounds her festivals, characterized this lovely Christian feast. Nevertheless all who had the good fortune to assist thereat will never forget it, but will ever treasure the memory thereof amongst these calm and tranquil joys only to be found in the peace of Christ. Our pilgrimage being now ended, the pilgrims spread over different parts of Europe. I remained in Rome for thirteen days and visited a great many churches and places of interest, the most important of which I will attempt to describe.

ST. PETER'S.

This temple may be justly called the most magnificent modern monument in the world, since all the arts contributed to embellish it, and the greatest artists exerted themselves to the utmost of their ability. It occupies the place of the gardens and circus of Nero, where that tyrant made the massacre of Christians, whose remains were buried in a grotto, situated near the circus, and in which was also deposited the body of St. Peter.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS OF JERUSALEM.

This church was erected by St. Helena in the Variani gardens which belonged to Heliogabalus. Under the Altar is an ancient urn which contains the bodies of the holy martyrs, Anastasius and Cesarion. In this church we were shown a number of most precious relics, viz.: The true cross, one of the nails by which our divine Saviour was nailed to the cross. Two thorns, from the crown of thorns, and the finger of St. Thomas. The Altar was also faced with the wood of the cross of the penitent thief.