AS SEEN TO-DAY BY A VISITOR

Indescribable Splendor though Marred by the Oppression of the Italian Government.

A correspondent of the Pittsburg Catholic writes: I never could adequately portray, and I never would, if I could, the feelings and emotions which permeated my whole being, when, all in an instant, the train in which I was journeying wound itself around a sharp curve ing wound usen around a snarp curve in the railroad and my impatiently expectant gaze, flashing upon the majestic dome of St. Peter's, told me that the "Elernal City" was reached at last. I could scarcely believe that what, as a boy, I longed for, and what, as a man, I worked many a weary hour to accomplish, was soon to be realized. But so pusa, was soon to rectification has come at lest; and what a satisfying gratification last; and what a satisfying gratification it is in some regards, and how intensely exasperating it is in others? Oh! Rome! Rome! what a world of thought the world inspires! What succession of events tumble themselves through my brain? I cannot write about Rome my prairie in the about Rome to satisfy myself or anybody else. There is to much to be said and too little time and space in which to say it. It will not be difficult for you to guess that before the water which wished the dust of the Sabine hills from myself was entirely dry upon me I was wandering about in St. Peter's, admiring and marveling at the grace, magnificence

## HARMONIOUS GRANDEUR

of that stupendous pile, the equal of which does not exist on earth. I expected a great deal, but, for the first time since I have been in Europe, my expec-tations were exceeded. No pen can des-eribe the gorgeous splendour of St. Peter's. And to think that this robber government, in its present condition of bankruptcy, does not steal it, as it has about everything else good, is miraculous. On Sunday morning I attended the Pope's Mass at 7.30, in his private chapel in the Vatican, and had the intense satisfaction of both seeing our Sovereign Pontiff, touching him and being able to form my own opinion regarding his condition of health, considering which our secular papers are so full of information (?) I am no doctor, but I am ready to express an opinion anyhow, this time, gratis, and to which you can attach as much weight as you wish. His Holiness is, I believe, al out 77 years old, and like many other men of his age, is thin, very much stooped, and has hair as white as snow; but he has an eye as clear as rock crystal, a brilliant mind and a strength of body which to me indicates that it will be some time yet before his

## SUCCESSOR WILL BE CHOSEN.

Indeed, there are not many men, even much younger than he, who could have endured as well as he the sweeping down upon, the jesting and the shaking which the great crowd (in which there were some very foolish people,) gave him; and the sweetness and amiability with which he tried to save himself proved him, in me tried to save minised proved him, in my estimation, pretty nearly a saint. He got off with his life and still lives, although his fine Swiss guards had to earn their salary. The conduct of such people is very similar to the story of the light of the story hees and his master. If and the pet bees and his master. If the Pope can be saved from the embraces | He ald. of his friends, he is likely to live a long time yet, and if he dies soon, there can be no better reason for his untimely dedirections about the Vatican and St. Peter's, and everything indicates that His Holiness does not expect to move

## CUBICIOUSLY EXTENDED.

I will even take my chances on the Government. There is an end to all things. I have visited the catacombs, all the interest in and around Rome, Christian and Pagan, and my great sorrow is that Thave not more time to devote to them. There is pleasure in store for me and some recollection, Christian and classic, in every direction I turn. I leave my hotel at 8.30 in the morning, hire a cab for the day and get home at dark, tired and howling for dinner. I was grieved to see yesterday, that almost all the stained ass windows in the grand Basilica of St. Paul, which from the appearance of the fragments and the reputation the windows had, must have been very beautiful, were shattered and ruined by the recent explosion of the Government's powder magazine, not far distant. The Government has taken possession of this Basilica, and although Mass is still said and the Blessed Sacrament retained there, the officials run around in it with their hats on and without the slightest regard for

## DECENCY, DECORUM

or anything else. Indeed, I wonder more every day at the equanimity and mildness of the people of continental Europe. The manner in which tourists rush around through their churches, and their conduct while in them, are scandalous and constantly keep my temperature above that of the weather. They evidently think the churches and holy places were erected and beautified only to gratify their curiosity. Just at the con-secration, or at benediction, a crowd of hoodlums, (from their dress I believe usually English, I hope for decency's sake not American,) rush up and stand gabbling as if they were in a dime museum or something of that style to which they are accustomed. In America and no respectable American would demean himself by such a disregard for the religious belief of his neighbor, even if he did think he was wrong. It is a per-but we might be compensated by the

fect marvel to me that their very ordinary common sense does not dictate to

OBNOXIOUSNESS OF THEIR CONDUCT, but it does not seem to do so, and it is practically the same thing wherever I go. I had the extreme good fortune to meet Monseigneur Francesco Marmara, of Malta, the second day after I came to Rome. He speaks English very well, knows Rome from one end to the other, and has gone around with me every day pointing out the interesting spots of the city. He is one of the few English speaking persons I have met and he has rendered my visit most agreeable to me. He appears to have taken quite a fancy for me and can never do too much for me. I have had better health since I have been in Rome than I have had for years and I am naturally more amiable, which is something gained both for myself and my friends. It seems to me it would take months to see Rome properly, but I must be content with my short visit and rely upon the future for another

## "FILTHY FULTON"

Tells Some Secular Untruths in Boston About his Experiences.

The resounding whang of the bass drum and the jangling plunk of the tam-bourine floated in through the open windows of the Bowdoin square Baptist church yesterday afternoon and punctuated the sermon of Rev. Justin D. Ful-

The instrumental music was made by members of the Salvation Army, who were holding their meeting on the op-posite corner, and it did not seem to disturb Mr. Fulton in the least, as he told his small and scattered congregation of what he had been doing in Canada.

Mr. Fulton has been trying to convert the Catholics of Canada, and had much to say of the methods of doing it and the difficulties in the way. He said that they had heard of him, and the Protes-tants of Montreal and Quebec, hearing that he was coming to preach there, had begged him not to, thinking it would lead to serious trouble.

"I went to a hotel in Quebec," said Mr. Fulton, "and a Baptist minister called on me there. He saw me writing, and said that I must be careful what I left around the room when I was out, for it was

a Catholic hotel. About that time some members of the Salvation army came to the city, hired a hall and began to hold meetings Before the day was out the Catholics had broken up all the furniture in the hall, and tried to throw the women out of the door. They went to the Mayor and ask ed for protection. He sent for the chief of police and told him to protect the women. The chief said he could not protect them unless they would leave the

"The mayor said: 'Just put that in writing. Just write that statement out and in a half an hour I will have troops enough here to protect them. This city is governed by and for the English-speaking people.'

"The Salvationists stayed, and to-day they hold their meetings there as safely as in the city of Boston.

"But the Catholics are making a terr' le fight for their members. Every one who shows the slightest inclination to come over to the cause of Christ is carefully watched and followed by the priests. The fight was so bitter that before I came away the Catholics were offering \$100 for the first convert from the Baptist church, and three weeks' board at the best boarding place in the city."-Boston

## TWENTY-FOUR O'CLOCK.

The Public do Not Take to the Propose Change Very Readily.

In conversation with a Witness report-

be no collection to which I will more cheerfully and liberally contribute than that for the Pope, and I hope every person else will do the same, for I see no place in Europe or America in which money is more

Subject:

"Habit is a strong thing. You can't break it. Pretty hard to get rid of the old system of hours and introduce the new. We have tried the 24 hour system for several years in the North-West, commencing at Port Arthur success." You can do many a thing in a new country. You may even get people to say—"nineteen o'clock," and not feel astonished at the sound of their own voices. county the conventions are not to be

Basilicas, churches by the dozen, the Colosseum. Forum, the Mammertine prisons, and about all the chief places of taken so seriously as in old countries. taken so seriously as in old countries.
The people in the West have taken to our new system; and as for its application to the road, I consider it offers a great increase of security to the passengers by the disuse of the a.m. and p.m., which leaves no room for the excuse on the part of those in charge of the despatching of trains, that they thought a.m. was p.m., and vice versa. Besides, the 24 system is a rational system, and should be in general operation. In the older provinces where habits have been hardened, it is hard to familiarize the mind with the new figures, which sound odd and incongruous. People are such slaves to habit. People object to the revised version of the New Testament, because they have always read the old edition. Some people object to travel on the C. P. R., not for any valid reason, but just because they have been accustomed to take the Grand Trunk or some other. Such people will only travel by the C. P. R. when they think they have been ill treated by some other company. Habit is then broken, through anger. Four of five years ago we issued a large number of 24-hour dials for clocks and watches to popularize the new idea, as well as to advertise the Company. I do not see

them now much in use, but I am certain they did much to familiarize the people in the North-West with the new time." A well known jeweller was asked how

the general introduction of a 24 hour day system would affect his business.

"First of all," he said "have you considered how you are going to introduce it? You can't take a man's watch out of his pocket by act of Parliament, and make hum have another one. It is and make him buy another one. It is just possible that new dials might be made for watches and clocks that would not interfere with the mechanism. But it would not be tolerated for a minute suppose you were travelling in Norway

sale of the new goods, always supposing you can make the change universal Custom is sometimes stronger than law. An act of Parliament could not speak the custom of generations. You must break it gradually. You must slowly educate the people to it. The 24-hour system should be in general use. It is rational. It is what we always should have had. There should be no such division as we have now. It would take a long time to popularize the change. There was some talk about it when the C.P. R. took it up. But it has died out. There is no interest in the subject here. The way to create an interest would be for large corporations and institutions to gradually introduce the change. That would direct attention to it. People would begin to talk about it. After that they would follow slowly, no doubt, the influential example set. The twenty-four hour example set. The twenty-four hour system is very simple and rational. It is a continuous whole. There is no break in it. We should have it, but the question is how to get it. I would be glad to see it even if there was some disarrangement and loss, at first."

The twenty-four-hour system is used on the Intercelopial Railway, but there

on the Intercolonial Railway, but there is no evidence to show that it has been adopted by the people along the line to any considerable degree.

## A Great Storm.

VIENNA, Augt 27.—A terrible thunder-storm swept over the Trieste district yes-terday, causing several fatalities. Lightning struck a church at Tualis, on the Italian frontier, while the building was crowded with women. A fearful panic followed, women and children shricking and praying on their knees or running wildly for the church doors. The priest who was celebrating mass acted in the most praiseworthy and courageous manner, and, vigorously reasuring the terri-fied women, he succeeded in restoring order. Subsequently, it was found that 3 women, who were supposed to have fainted from fright, had actually been killed by the lightning which struck the

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