

—A DOUBT has been thrown on the authenticity of the Sistine Madonna of the Dresden gallery. An art historian, Dr. Jelinek, asserts that the canvas painted by Raphael is in Piacenza or in Rome, and his proofs are so strong that Dr. Wörmann, director of the Dresden Gallery, while repudiating the "rev:lations," is in Italy in order to find out whether the original canvas is really to be found in either of the above mentioned cities.

—EUROPEAN journals inform us that the Papal Jubilee is already beginning to create enthusiasm in Leo XIII. at the great good it is going to bring to souls. Letters from Bishops which speak of the Jubilee, and those of organizers of pilgrimages, pour in, in large numbers, to the Vatican. The Holy Father has the more important of these read to him that he may be kept informed of all the proposals and projects which are ventilated for the grand spiritual solemnities of the present year in Rome.

—AN interesting historical fact has been unearthed through the efforts of the Jesuit Fathers of Marquette College, Milwaukee. While they were having the genealogy of the discoverer of the Mississippi prepared at Laon, France, it was found that Father James Marquette, S.J., and Blessed John Baptist de la Salle were descended from the same ancestor, Lancelot de la Salle, whose granddaughter married Nicolas Marquette, the father of the missionary. This Lancelot was the great-grandfather of the founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools.

—THE Bishop of San Salvador, Central America, Mgr. Anthony Perez de Aguilar, in a pastoral letter on the occasion of the consecration of mankind to the Sacred-Heart, gave some very practical instructions to his clergy. We are happy to be able to reproduce two paragraphs by this remarkable document :

" *Art. 4.* In order to promote the spread of the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we hereby decree that in the parishes where the Apostleship of Prayer is established, steps be taken at once to establish it, by asking from the Diocesan Director of the Work all instructions and material required for this purpose.

" *Art. 5.* We recommend to parish priests to give their preference to this salutary devotion, to see that the Apostleship be thoroughly organized, neglecting neither the council of direction nor the ordinary monthly meeting of the promoters. This is the only means of keeping up the spirit of the Apostles' ip; and if done, it shall not be long before excellent results will be felt."