

borne out by the persecution and troubles to which he was subjected throughout his long pontificate by the House of Savoy, whose armorial bearings display a Latin cross. The prophecy for his successor was "Lumen in Cælo," which may be regarded as accomplished by the fact that a comet figures in the armorial bearings of the present Pontiff, Leo XIII. The prediction for the next Pope is "Ignis Ardens," (burning fire), and is said to point to Cardinal Gotti.

PUBLICATIONS.

A Harp of Many Chords: By Mary F. Nixon: B. Herder, St. Louis, 17 South Broadway.

The admirers of Miss Nixon's versatile pen—and surely their number is not small—will welcome the advent of another story from this gifted authoress. The first chapter introduces the reader to the heroine, a recent graduate of the *Sacre Coeur*, who rejoices in the quaint name of Carola, and is enjoying freedom from school girl life, at Paris, chaperoned by her aunt, Miss Amanda Adams. This last named personage, who is fast falling into the "sere and yellow leaf" period, proves very decidedly in the course of the narrative that a chaperone might, with great advantage be engaged for herself. Carola receives a pressing invitation from a former school friend, now married, and living at "Ballyantree, Country Down," to visit her, and after writing a letter of acceptance, she, with her Aunt, repaired to the "Fete of Flowers," then being held. Miss Nixon's descriptive powers are good, and we can almost inhale the fragrance of the festoons and wreaths, the roses and daffodils which abound. Carola has a bunch of purple violets dropped into her lap by one who later on is destined to influence her life in an unmeasurable degree. At the house of her friend Mrs. Hill she meets the cousin of the latter, a rather self-centered individual, who finds Carola different from the idea he had formed of American girls, and ends by falling deeply in love with the fair *ingenue*. Later on she and her aunt resume their tour of pleasure, and we meet them at Innsbruck where Carola—who, by the way, is not a Catholic, is deeply impressed with the solemnity of the Cathedral Church and loved to linger there while "the soft cloud of incense still rose from the quaint altar" and filled each nook with fragrance. About this time Miss Adams

has quite an adventure with the noble in rank, but not otherwise Baron Otto von Diesko, in which however she eventually shows that beneath her rather weak personnel she possesses some very sterling qualities. We will now accompany them to the "dark continent" where our heroine meets the owner of "the pair of dark eyes" and recognizes therein the knight of the purple violets which were tossed to her "just so" at the floral fete. The reader is at liberty to fashion a termination to the story, or better still to procure for himself—or herself—as the case may be, this very readable little volume. We will leave Carola at her own place on the Hudson, "Ferncliffe," where, according to her aunt, Miss Adams, "she is perfectly contented since she became a Catholic." The book is well gotten up, with clear type, wide margin, pretty binding, and will serve to pass a few unoccupied hours in a pleasant and not unprofitable manner.—S.X.B.

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"*Life of Sister Saint-Pierre*," the Carmelite of Tours, to whom the great Work of Reparation for *Blasphemy* and the *Violation of Sunday* was revealed. Compiled from her writings, etc. by Rev. P. Janvier, Founder of the Missionaries of the Holy Face at the Oratory of Mr. Dupont, and Dean of the Metropolitan Chapter, etc. Translated from the French with the approbation of the Mt. Rev. Archbishops of New Orleans, Baltimore, New York, Cincinnati, etc., etc. 1 vol., cloth, \$1.50; paper cover, \$1.00.

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The March issue of "The Globe Quarterly Review" contains some exquisite Sonnets from the pen of its able editor William Henry Thorne.