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"Truth is Catholic; proclaim it ever, and God will effect the rest."—BALMEZ.

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## Register of the Week.

According to the despatches of the 16th special interest is attached by European powers to the next Papal Consistory, which is to be held next month, and which will form the crowning event of his Holiness' jubilee. The following are to be honored with the scarlet hat: the Bavarian Jesuit, Father Stoinhuber; Mgr. Perraud, Bishop of Autun; Mgr. Comby, Archbishop of Carthago; Mgr. Fausti, an Italian; Mgr. Doppelbauer, Bishop of Linz, an Austrian. When these promotions are made the number of Cardinals will stand. Foreigners 34; Italians, 36.

Few subjects are so taking for people fond of speculation as who will be next Pope; and few subjects have so little foundation to work upon. A priest who, at the time of Pius the Ninth's death, was in the Pope's household said that the subordinates in the Vatican had no idea that Cardinal Pecci was the likely man; but that the Cardinals themselves never hesitated in the question. The curious are again guessing. A pamphlet shortly to be issued is expected to state that the probable candidates are Cardinal Damsel, Archbishop of Catania; Cardinal Capocelatro, Archbishop of Capua; and Cardinal Serafini Vannutelli, who resides at Rome. Cardinals di Pietro and Galimberti are also much spoken of. In the meantime may the Invisible Head of the Church preserve to us for years the venerable and illustrious Pontiff now gloriously reigning.

The Italians who, little more than twenty years ago, were weary of the Pope's mild rule, now show signs that they want another change. A reduction by some millions of francs in the Civil List, is to be proposed in the Council of Deputies. Institutions of public interest, such as schools, hospitals, etc., which heretofore have borne the title of Royal are to be known henceforth as National.

How Liberals act in matters religious has received further exemplification. According to the present law the schoolmasters in Rome, whether Catholic or not, whether Jew or Gentile, have to teach their pupils catechism. It proved so odious to the parents, and so burthensome to the masters themselves, that a change was asked for. What sort of Catholicity could be expected from the teachers many of whom were Jews? A motion, therefore, was made in the City Council to entrust the religious instruction of the children of the public schools to the parish priests of the city. Useless. Liberalism threw off the mask, rejected the motion, and left the fate of the Libera y of P...

ration in the hands of those who hate our holy religion.

At last an Italian Government has been formed, and Signor Crispi returns to power in spite of all the protests against his nomination. His associations with the Bank scandals are not forgotten, and he enters upon his office with a shattered reputation, amidst protests from all sides, except from Germany, whose favorite he is.

"The Poles," says the *Catholic Times* of Liverpool, "in the Western Province of Russia are being subjected to serious persecution by the Russian Government owing to its alarm at the Polish policy of Germany and Austria. Numerous arrests and administrative banishments of people absolutely innocent of crimes and misdemeanors in the Polish provinces are taking place, while priests have been suspended from their functions and imprisoned, and numbers of ordinary citizens interred in the citadel of Warsaw."

Professor Mivart has an excellent article in this month's *Nineteenth Century* entitled, "The Index and My Articles on Hell." A book may be put upon the Index because it is false and vile, because it is inopportune; or because it is indiscreet. Under which category this article was placed matters not, nor does Professor Mivart discuss it. He accepts it loyally. "No retraction has been demanded of me, and, as Father Clarke, S.J., says, no assertions of mine have been censured. Nevertheless, I have submitted, and do and will submit *ex animo*, to the decree." Nor does he stop here. "Leo XIII., now happily reigning," he says, "in a quite peculiar manner merits from all Catholics—above all from Catholics who work for Science, and who value Liberty—a quite special devotion. Such men may well feel that there is imposed upon them, as a sort of duty, a special readiness dutifully to respond when he sees proper to exercise an act of authority. This I feel strongly; and thence there arises, in spite of flesh and blood, almost a gladness to go out and meet his correction, and accept it with alacrity and filial submission. It is thus I meet and accept it, with an earnest prayer that the Church may continue under his fatherly and benign sway *ad multos annos*."

A strong petition has been placed before the House of Representatives at Washington by Mr. Youmans, who had been a member of Congress for a district in the State of Michigan, but who was defeated in the last election by a Mr. Linton. The petitioner, who is a Catholic, was defeated by the A.P.A. He alleges that this Association represented throughout the Saginaw district that in every Catholic

Church were arsenals where arms were stored, and that the several Catholic societies were armed bodies of men, drilled for the purpose, by concerted action, of murdering and killing their non-Catholic fellow-citizens.

He goes on: "Your petitioner further represents that by reason of the representations and statements so made by the said William S. Linton, the committee have in charge his campaign, their said emissaries and agents, and the representation of the said A.P.A., that a reign of terrorism exists in said county of Saginaw, and the other counties comprised within said eighth congressional district of Michigan, that a large portion of the community actually believe that arms are now stored in the Catholic churches, and that the Catholic societies are armed bodies of men, and that the aim, object and purpose of the Catholic church is to overthrow the republic of America and establish a nation with the Pope of Rome at its head. And so firmly is this believed by many apparently intelligent citizens that your petitioner is informed and believes that large purchases of fire-arms have been made by committees of said American Protective Association."

The Marquis of Bute, in making his inaugural as Rector of St. Andrew's University, to which he was elected last year, reviewed the early ecclesiastical history of Scotland. Lord Bute compared the mildness of the Reformation in Scotland with its action in England. "Whereas a tempest of blood and fire raged through England for three hundred years in fits of intermittent violence, rising into a tornado in the reigns of Henry VIII. and his children, the largest number in Scotland of persons put to death in connexion with the Reformation was stated to be nineteen on one side and five or six on the other—twenty five in all."

Hon. McKenzie Bowell passed through Winnipeg Sunday night, on his way home from Australia. The Minister denied that his visit to Honolulu had any political significance, as some of the American papers had stated. He had a very enthusiastic reception in Australia. The Premier and their Cabinets expressed great interest in his mission, which was to promote trade between their country and ours. He said: "Premier McIlwraith of Queensland has promised to visit Canada to learn for himself some of the advantages I showed him would ensue. The Pacific cable scheme was heartily endorsed. I was unable to visit Tasmania and New Zealand. I saw, however, the Governor of New Zealand, who stated his approval of the scheme. All the Colonies promised to send representatives to Canada for a grand conference to be held sometime next year."

By the cable reports the arrivals of apples from Canada in the London and Liverpool markets are totally insufficient to meet the Christmas demand. Much of those that arrived last week were from Canada; and, as a result, there was a keen competition, prices advancing three or four shillings per barrel.

Eugene Kelly, the noted banker and millionaire of New York, is to retire from business in the Spring. He is now eighty years of age, and has accumulated a fortune of ten millions. Born in Ireland of poor parents, he landed in America at the age of twenty with but three dollars in his pocket. Mr. Kelly has always been most generous with his wealth; his contributions to religion and charity have merited the recognition of the Supreme Pontiff himself; and he has always, with great liberality, given to the cause of Home Rule.

Last Sunday the Chicago Catholics had the great pleasure of having their Cathedral re-opened. It has been for months in the hands of the decorators, and is now, from the description the talented Miss Starr gives, considered one of the most beautiful churches on the continent, and worthy of such a large and progressive city as Chicago.

The Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago, "has not been transformed, but transfigured," says Eliza Allen Starr in her beautiful sketch in the *New World*. There was no attempt at decoration when it was first built, nor even when certain restorations were made of necessity. The years succeeding the fire in 1871 did not admit of any elaborate decorations, but had been built on a design of Gothic proportions worthy to receive any adornment more prosperous years might give. In 1892 the exterior was put in perfect repair, stone taking the place of zinc on the lateral spans and finials. Then the decorating of the interior commenced, which occupied fully twenty months. On the ceiling above the centre, where the transepts and nave join, there is a painting of the Transfiguration of Our Lord on Mount Thabor, and raying out from this four medallions give the bust of the Four Evangelists in color. The vaulting at the junction of the transepts and nave, has been taken advantage of still again, by placing statues of the four Latin Doctors—Saint Gregory, Saint Ambrose, Saint Augustine and Saint Jerome—in niches, rich in scroll work and gilding, which rest upon the capitals of the four clustered marble columns which support this vault. Saint Gregory wears his tiara as Pope, Saint Ambrose and Saint Augustine in their mitres as Bishops, and Saint Jerome represented as the thoughtful and studious expounder of the Holy Scriptures. A series of pictures, setting forth the life of Our Lord and His Sacred Ministry, are by Mr. William Lampracht, of Brooklyn, N. Y. The Sanctuary railing is of veined Carrara marble, beautifully carved, the pillars being of Indian onyx