The Health of His Holiness the will prove highly remunerative, as the

The Ninth Centenary of "All Souls Day" to be Observed Special Ceremonies - Our Lady of the Snow-The Government Policy and Military Regime - Reclaiming of Marshy Districts.

All rumors still to the contrary notwithstanding, the Holy Father is in comparatively excellent health, and has his every-day walk or drive in the Vatican Gardens. To describe the ceremo nial observed on these occasions may not be without interest. The Holy Father is generally carried from his private apartments into the gardens on a portitive chair; an open landau, lined with blue damask, is in waiting at the entrance to the gardens and the Holy Father stepping into the carriage drives lay and expenses of the plant. along the beautiful shady alleys escorted Moreover, the works will employ a great number of the starving by two Noble Guards on horseback; after a time, the carriage stops and His Holiness, alighting, walks on slowly, leaning on his stick and conversing in a bright. kind manner with those around him until they reach the pavilion in the middle of his garden, where he spends some time every day. During the past week His Holiness has given a large number of collective and individual audiences. It is wrong to suppose all these are or should be reported, indeed the frequent and tiring reception of groups is seldom mentioned while those of an ordinary and official character are only made rublic in times of disquietule-as a rule His Holiness receives official personages on five days of the week.

A committee has been formed for the appropriate celebration of the ninth centenary of All Souls Day, which was decided on in 998, at the Abbey of Clung. noder St. Odilo. The committee includes Pere Jouet, the missionary apostolic of the Sacred Heart. The mention of this name recalls the fact that it is just a year since the occurrence of a very strange event in connection with his work. He has opened a little chapel in the Prati di Casello quarter and affiliated to it a union of prayer for the souls in Purgatory. During the monthly commemoration of the dead in July, last year, while a Requiem was being said in the presence of a large congregation, one of the candles burning before the picture of the Madonna set fire to the drapery, which was speedily consumed, and in its place there appeared on the wall a very curious figure the lower part of which presented a suitable material representation of a soul in flames of fire and the The event took place between 11 a.m. and noon. Epecialisis who have examined the traces of the fire have expressed the greatest surprise, but the Roman Vicariate, with characteristic prudence, yet with not less characteristic liberty, has allowed that portion of the wall to be covered with glass for its preservation; a slight drapery is hung before the glass. which is removed at all times for the satisfaction of all who from motives of curiosity or piety may wish to see it.

The Feast of Our Lady of the Snow is one of the most popular of the year and is celebrated with great ceremony in nearly all the churches of the city. The little chapel near the Basilica was crowded and had provision for overcrowding, an immense curtain being spread over the plazza in front of the door. The celebration at the Liberian had, as it always has, a quasi-official character the Societa Primaria Romana having presented the chalice, which the Roman Municipality has cessed to offer.

Not long ago, it will be remembered, the image of Our Lady in the Cathedral of Perugia was sacrilegiously robbed of all its gold and silver ornaments of the value of several thousands of france. A committee has been formed for the object of presenting the shrine of Our Lady with a precious disdem as an act of reparation and large sums have been already subscribed. The diadem is being manufactured by Tomfain & Sona, jewellers to His Holiness, and promises to be a very beautiful specimen of rich and 200 sat down to play euchre and double

Italian Government during the past two months will terminate. It is high time the state of things under this military regime should cesse, for it was carried to an excess which virtually paralysed commerce and industry, and matters were virtually at a stand-still. From an official report of the processes tried before the military tribunal from the 23rd May to the let August, it appears that 75 men and 28 women were tried and centenced to terms of imprisonment, which if added together would reach the figure of 1.754 years. Of these victims of Italian tyranny. 28 were boys under 16; 112 under 18; and 195 hardly out of their teens. The authorities have not yet relaxed their severity to wards the Catholic press, though it has been proved that Catholic journalists did their best to put down violence and disorder. disorder.

What Julius Cesar and Napoleon vainly tried to accomplish is to be seattempted under suspices which seem to guarantee that it will be brought to a ARTHUE R RYAN

attisfactory completion. The under

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assured district that hot bed of malaria, which produce torpor and stagnation.

engineering science, backed by capital and by all those complicated by drantic machines which are the cu come of modern invention, will it is confident. lieved, triumph where those indomitable workers, the ancient Romans. failed. A German engineer, Major Von Donat, has not only satisfied the public that the work is feasible but has shown that it profe may be safely relied upon. The acheme consists in the construction of a series of dykes which will prevent the river Amasenus and those of sundry other mountain torrents from flooding the first coast district which stretches from Vettuno to Gae's, while a number of small canals will communicate with a great central canal by which all the water will find its way to the sea near Jerracina-all who have visited Rome or have read of it will appreciate the vast importance to the publie health and to the character of the city of any scheme that will strike a death-blow at the malarial induences of the dreaded Pontine marshes, and will hail the possibility of effecting it in such a decided manner as the present scheme proposes. The cost of this splendid work proposes.

will not exceed eight millions of lire, including hydraulic and agricultural machinery and a reserve fund of three millions for unexpected expenses. When it is remembered that over 30 000 hectares of good ground will be re-claimed, corresponding to 75,000 acres, and yielding on an average 300 france per nectare, it is easy to see that one year will suffice to cover the whole outinhabitants of the miserable vil-tages perched on the Alban Hills, so that even before their completion they will prove a boon to the Roman province. Count Hutter Czapski, one of the direc tors of the new company for the reclaim. ing of the Pontine Marshes has already paid a large sum as guarantee for the speedy commencement and continua-

tion of the works, which, I understand,

will be inaugurated toward the end of

the autumn, when the malarial emana-

tions are less to be dreaded.

Archaologiste will be interested to know of the following information:-While digging a deep trench in the vicinity of the Via Ostiense, not far from the Basilica of St. Paul, extra muros, some workmen recently brought to light the remains of an ancient Columbarium containing a great number of sepulchral inscriptions. The most notable finds consist in an elegant marble cippus dedicated to the memory of a priestess of Tais, who is represented in her flowing sacerdotal robes; and in a cinerary urn of alabaeter, evidently of Oriental workmanship and of a beautiful design. - The new Minister of Public Instruction, Professor Baccelli, is credited with the intention of soon actuating a long-cherished project of his, which, though very expensive, might prove the source of new and exceptionally important archæological triumphs. Professor Barcelli, who is an eninus astic archæologist, intends to excavate a wide zone between the Lateran and Quirinal, topographically one of the most interesting of ancient Rome, but he will meet with a stubborn resistance on the part of the municipality and of his colleagues in the Ministry, who will with difficulty upper part the shape of a human head. be prevailed upon to grant the necessary | the celebrated Pink Pills which have funds, ten million lire, for this interest- spread their reputation all over the beautiful convent pastoral residence, St. ing but rather risky experiment.

> It is stated on good authority that there is every probability of the German Emperor's coming to Rome for a short visit next spring. When he inaugurated the Berlin Fine Arts Exhibition the other day Kaiser Wilhelm was particularly struck with the large pictures by the well known painter Trell, which are destined to adorn the Throne Room of the German Embassy in the Pulazzo Caffarelli, and declared his intention of personally assisting at the ceremony of insugurating the new Throne Room. which is being restored and splendidly adorned with paintings and tapestries by his special order.

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The week was filled with entertainment and amusement in the social order. Functions, soirees, lawn parties, amolers, enchre parties, bowling, tennis, and croquet tournaments, wore indulged in every day. The squatic sports were as popular as ever and swimming and boating was in great demand, for the weather was ideal, added to which are the charms that famous Lake Champlain lends to him who is a votary of Neptune and the mermaid. The largest euchre party of the season was held at Philadelphia cottage, when over With the decree discontinuing the state of siege at Milan, which will go into effect on the 15th of this month, the reactionary policy adopted by the lating of the various cottages and gentlemen from the various cottages and gentlemen from the various cottages. and gentlemen from the various cottages and clubs to Dr. Talbot Smith's college camp. A huge campfire is made, and all hands sit around in rustic chairs and benches, while the boys recline upon the ground and their Rev. master, being the governor of the camp regime, calls upon the boys for selections of song, story and joke. Gless are sing by the entire crowd of boys, and many a merry hour has been passed while the twinkling stars peek through the silent pine trees upon the merry makers as they laugh and chat upon the beautiful bluff which overlooks the peaceful lake and is the rendevous of the camp contingent.

Aug. 10th was Reading Circle day, and all the Beading Circles throughout the country read their reports during the past year, and therein reported their work, progress and doings. Upon August the 20th, at 9 o'clock, by special train, 800 members of the Summer School departed for Montreal, Quebec and Ste. Anne de Beaupre, upon a pilgrimage to the famous Sprine of Ste. Anne. And thus ended the most memorable, eventful and distinguished week that passed at the Champlaid Summer School of America.

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In continuing my tour of Canada, and when on my way to Muskoka, travelling by the Grand Trunk Railway system, I halted at Brockville, that prettily situ ated town on the shore of the St. Lawrence, and so snugly placed at the foot of the far-famed Thousand Islands. Directly in front of the town the "Three Sieter Islands" and "Old Man's Island" appear, and the famous groups multiply along the course of the great stream until Kingston is reached. But it is of the first-named thriving municipality that I wish to speak in this paper. Of its commercial capacity I got my first impressions on a Saturday night when the flow of business was in full swing, and such evidence of mercantile activity naturally gives one a good opinion of the place. As one of Ontario's fast growing towns that are striving for city rank Brockville and Peterborough are often quoted as living examples of what the live merchants of a town can do by their enterprise and business integrity in lifting themselves to honorable posi-tions, as well as giving good repute to the centres in which they operate.

Among the men that are prominent in trade in Brockville, on King street alone, I could not attempt to name them all in a short article, and can only mention such as Messrs. Robert Wright, D. W. Downey, Hutcheson & Co., O'Donohoe Brothers J. Bradley, Le Clair, etc.

In making my rounds of the town was conducted by a very youthful but intelligent little guide in the person of Master James Mahern, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. James Mahern, of Schofield's Hill. Many interesting features strike the eye of the stranger as he passes from street to street, but in the residential quarters what is most pleasing is the elegant ap pearance of the many comfortable homes for which this place is noted. The citizens seems to realize that nature has bestowed choice gifts upon their town and locality, and they rightly believe that they should do their part in making their dwellings fit ornaments for such natural surroundings. Viewed on a bright sunny day from the top of one of the sloping hills. Brockville looks picturesque and pretty and it may be called one of the handsomest towns in Canada.

In the matter of public buildings it is well provided, and the Fulford block will rank with any city erection, and in this connection we are made to think of world by virtue of their great healing qualitier.

A noticeable thing here is the beauty of the churches, whose graceful spires and towers rise high and gleam conspicuously in the sun light. As seen from Schofield's Hill, they appear in striking re-lief and add much interest to the acene. From the elevation just named, I think the town looks its best, because from the home of Mr. John McGovern, the respected roadmaster, on the west end, to its eastern limit it can be distictly seen, and then the American shore looms up just across the St. Lawrence, presenting Morristown and the settlements up and down the great river. The craft and steamers which carry the people of Brockville to Alexandria Bay and other favorite resorts, impart a lively appearance to the harbor; but the most convincing reminder of the great traffic bereapouts is seen in the number of freight trains that pass to and fro over the Grand Trunk road. The heaviest trains no doubt pass eastward to Montreal and the seaboard with great cargoes of Canadian products on the way to England and other European countries.

While here I made special enquiries as to the status and prospects of the Irish-Canadian Catholic inhabitants of the town and district. The inquiry disclosed agreeable results, for in the business centres they hold honorable rank and are gradually increasing in numbers and in financial strength. Many of the well-to do merchants are of the ancient faith and race, and the present vigilant and able Mayor, Mr. D. W. Downey, named in the list above, is a staunch Roman Catholic. The Catholic congregation at large are numerous and any of them have attained to leading mercantile and professional positions though dint of honest labor and ability, and had it been my privilege to make those notes a few years earlier the name of the late Hon. Christoper Fraser could have been included, but his esteemed brother, Mr. O. K. Fraser, is here in the flesh and stands well with all creeds and classes. St. Francis Xavier's Church is a large and well conditioned temple whose highly respected paster is the Very Rev. Vicar-General Gauthier, a churchman beloved by his fellow-priests and known throughout Canada for his devotion and clerical merits. The officiating priest yesterday was the Rev. Father McWilliams, and the congregation at the 8 o'clock Mass was large and respectable, showing in their individual appearance and dress a degree of evident prosperity and comfort.

One striking feature, to me at least, was the number of tall ladies I saw present; it seemed to me that in a great many congregations with whom I had worshipped I had not noticed such a large porportion of stately female figures. Then, again, as if to prove the

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Cash. This coincidence sounded strange

are aware that unbecoming distrac-

tions are out of order, especially

during the sacred service of the Mass.

but it is assumed that the devotional

proprieties are not very badly broken if

the newspaper writer takes close obser

vations for the sake of getting something

Taking the town herein discussed in

all its aspects I would judge it to be a

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