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THIS WEEK'S PAPER.

The particular attention of the clergy of the archdiocese and of our readers in general, is directed to the Encyclical letter of His Holiness, Pope Leo XIII., on the most Holy Rosary, and to the official letter of His Grace the Archbishop which will be found on page 8 of this issue. Our readers will have the satisfaction of knowing that the Encyclical letter appears in *THE CATHOLIC REGISTER* as soon as in any other Catholic paper on this continent. We are also pleased to present to readers of the *REGISTER* an exceedingly interesting article on Mgr. Nugent, the Soggarth Aroon of the Irish in England. Other special features of this issue are a special report of St. John, of great interest not only to C.M.B.A. members but to all Catholics; sketches of Bishops Spalding and Watterson, two of the most prominent American prelates of our day; the beginning of a delightful new story, the Abbe Constantin; the continuation of the story for the young; and a very gracious letter from Lady Aberdeen as well as our usual society and editorial matter. The portraits presented are all excellent likenesses.

Register of the Week.

Cardinal Taschereau is commonly called the first Canadian prelate to enjoy membership in the Sacred College; but as a matter of fact, there was a Canadian Bishop—though he never exercised his functions in Canada—who was created a Cardinal more than half a century before Mgr. Taschereau obtained his red hat. That dignitary was Thomas Cardinal Weld, the eldest son of Mr. Thomas Weld of Lulworth Castle, in the chapel of which Archbishop Carroll, the proto-American prelate, was consecrated, and of Mary Stanley, the daughter of an old English Catholic family, now extinct. Cardinal Weld, at the time he was made a member of the Sacred College, was the coadjutor of Bishop McDonnell, the first prelate of Upper Canada, and although he never crossed the Atlantic, but resided at Hammer-smith, in London, he was, nevertheless, a member of the Canadian hierarchy when Pius VIII. created him a Cardinal in the consistory that was held May 25, 1830. To Cardinal Taschereau, though, belongs the distinction of being the first Canadian titular—for Cardinal Weld's see was *in partibus*—to attain the eminent rank which his resignation of his See will not affect.

Bishop Keane, who has just returned from Rome expresses the opinion that Mgr. Satolli will soon be made a Cardinal. He says: "I wonder at all the talk in the United States about the

question of whether Mgr. Satolli is to be made a Cardinal. Every body knows he is to be a Cardinal, but whether he will be promoted next month or next year no one but the Pope himself can know. It is customary when a man is sent out perform some special duty for the Church, which will require some years, to allow him to finish his work before recalling him to Rome and promoting him to the College of Cardinals, but it is possible he might be raised to that rank and

people assembled in the neighborhood of the seminary and the Cathedral on the closing day could not have been less than seventy thousand. Windows, roofs, trees, tops of tramcars, every available spot was taken advantage of by the North Italian Catholics to catch a glimpse of their beloved bishops. Princess Clothilde, whose saintliness is a proverb, personally attended in the Cathedral. The "Te Deum," intoned by Mgr. Riccardi, was taken up by the people both inside and outside the

largest delegation came from Franco, although the representation from Belgium, as might have been expected, was one of which the little kingdom may well feel proud. Among the American representatives were the distinguished rector of the Catholic University of Washington, and two of its professors, viz., Doctors Bouquillon and Grennan and the well-known scientist and author, Father Zahm of Notre Dame, Indiana.

Archbishop Croke of the diocese of Cashel, in an interview during the past week, said that he thoroughly agreed with the views expressed in the recent letter of Dr. Thomas A. Emmett, President of the Irish National League in America, to Mr. Justin McCarthy, in which the writer strongly condemned public discussion of dissensions which might arise in the party. The advice of Dr. Emmett seems to have been taken, for throughout the week the voices of the leaders have harmonized on most points, and internal disputes have not been heard.

Dr. Thomas Addis Emmett, the president of the Irish National Federation of America, is at present on a visit in London, accompanied by his son.

A superb marble statue of Leo XIII. has been placed in the new church the Benedictines are building on the Aventine Hill. It is the gift of the Duc de Loubat, who resides in New York.

The death at Rome last week of Giovanni Battista De Rossi removed from the ranks of the living an archaeologist who, more than any other man, perhaps, made known to the world the true character of the Roman catacombs. Commendatore Rossi has long been a prominent and honored individual in the Eternal City, and his explorations in subterranean Rome were productive of many important discoveries, all of them tending to confirm the records and traditions of the church regarding the acts and deaths of the early Christian martyrs, the remains of so many of whom were piously placed by their survivors in the catacombs.

In Holland there is no interference on the part of the state with the Catholic church, the Holy Father appoints the bishops, and they are only answerable to the Holy See for the government of their dioceses. Not only do Catholics manage their schools according to their own notions, but they receive state aid for them. Thus they are not compelled to pay taxes for non-Catholic schools. The state treats all its subjects with equal weights and measures. In the University of Amsterdam, a Dominican is teaching the theology of St. Thomas Aquinas.



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still continue at the head of the Legation here. I feel confident that the Holy Father does not intend to recall him from this post at this time."

The annual meeting of the Archbishops of the United States will be held at Philadelphia October 16 and 17. Matters of great important affecting the Church in that country will be brought up for discussion.

"Have courage, my daughter. Your husband will become a Catholic," were the words of Pope Leo XIII. to Mrs. Francis H. Throop, of Brooklyn, N. Y., the leader of the band of ninety-three pilgrims which left Brooklyn last July to secure the Pope's blessing at Rome and present prayers and petitions to our Lady of Lourdes.

"And his words came true within a week," said Mrs. Throop, "although my husband had no idea of such a thing at the time.

Mr. Throop was the only Protestant who went on the pilgrimage.

The great Eucharistic Congress at Turin, with the extraordinary popular demonstrations which accompanied it, is the talk of Europe. The number of

church. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given by Monsignor Grasselli from the steps of the Cathedral outside the doors, the enormous crowd receiving it reverently kneeling. As the forty four bishops left the church they found themselves surrounded by the enthusiastic people, who seized their hands and even their cassocks, which they kissed again and again. The scene was in every way memorable. Such a revival of popular fervor in Turin, the capital of Piedmont, seems almost incredible. The bitter feelings aroused during the last twenty years owing to political events have evidently failed to root out the faith and devotion of the inhabitants of the "City of the Miracle," and the success attained by the congress is a happy augury of even more splendid results in the other great cities of Italy.

Mr. T. P. O'Connor says in the *Sunday Sun* that he learns on the highest authority that Mr. Gladstone's eyesight has been completely restored.

All the nations of the civilized world were represented at the Catholic Scientific Congress—France, Holland, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, England, America. The