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THE BRITISH ELECTIONS.

The elections in Britain are proceeding, the greatest activity and earnestness being on all sides demonstrated. The exact result will not be known for fully three weeks. It is, meantime, quite evident that the two English parties will be closely tched in the new Parliament, while Mr. Parnell's strength will be even greater than at first anticipated. To enable one to understand the mutations in party strength that the elections will bring about, it is well to bear in mind that in 1880 there were 297 borough seats in England and Wales. Of these the Liberals carried 217. In 1885 there are 237 borough members. In 1880 there were 187 county seats in England and Wales, of which the Tories held 123. There are now 253 so-called county seats, which, however, have a considerable leaven of town population.

The London Spectator claims it is a moderate estimate to assign to the Liberals a majority of 25 or 30 of the borough seats, and a majority of 25 of the so-called county seats, but the results thus far do not bear out this claim.

Scotland in 1880 had 60 members. Now it has 72. In 1880 the Conservatives carried nine seats in Scotland. The Liberal majority of 60 in Scotland.

Ireland has 103 seats; the same number as in 1880. Mr. Parnell expects to carry

There were at time of the dissolution 640 members in the House of Commons, divided as follows:

Lib. and Home Rulers. English Boroughs	Con. 86 121
Welsh Counties	
Scotch Boroughs25	î
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Total	216
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Total Counties142	141
Total Boroughs 250	98
Total Universities 2	7
304	246
246	240

Majority of Liberals and Home Rulers....148 There were 64 professed Home Rulers elected in 1880, but of these Messrs. Macfarlane, Carlow; Fay, Cavan; O'Shea Clare; Moore, Clonmel; Shaw and Coltharst, Cork; Brooks, Dublin city; O'Donnell, Dungarvan: Mitchell Henry, Galway ; R. P. Blennerhasset and Sir R. Blennerhasset, Kerry; Meldon, Kildare; Sir P. O'Brien, Kings Co. ; Gabbett, Limerick; Bellingham, Louth; Errington, Longford; O'Connor Power and Nelson, Mayo; Smyth, Tipperary, and McCoan, Wicklow, did not acknowledge Mr. Parnell's leadership and generally voted with the Liberals. None of these gentlemen have the slightest chance of election in any part of Ireland, and very few of them are seeking election elsewhere in the present contest. The Irish Liberals-elected as such in 1880-were the following: Messrs. Richardson, Armagh Co.: Les and Kinnear, Donegal : Whitworth, Drogheda : Lyons, Dublin City ; Russell, Dundalk ; Dickson, Dungannon; Lever, Galway city; Sir Thomas McClure and Samuel Walker, Derry Co.; Findlater, Monaghan; The O'Donoghue, Tralee; Dickson, Tyrone; Stuart, Waterford Co., and Allman, Bandon. Several of these gentlemen are candidates for seats in the next Parliament, but with very limited chances of success. the last House not more than half will survive the general slaughter of the antinationalists just being consummated by the patriotic Irish electorate, determined upon being at last fully represented in the alien Parliament and securing for their country the priceless blessings of freedom and equality.

ATTENTION.

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We beg leave, most respectfully but firmly, to call the attention of the government to the report of Riel's execution published in the Regina Leader. In this report is made a statement concerning the conduct of certain members of the Mounted Police on guard at the Regina prison that calls for prompt action. "The troopers," said the Leader," stood in groups on the verandah of the prison, and their conversation was not edifying. Sometimes a pause-but no sound came from within-no sign but that the tragedy was finished. At last a thud was heard, and one of the police said"—here followed a most horrible imprecation. "Yes, said another of the gang, as if saying 'Amen' to this noble prayer." Another blasphemy was the amen uttered by this second cowardly brute in human form. "And then," adds the Leader, "followed some civilized laughter."

Was not the execution attended with horror enough without the addition of blasphemous, blood-thirsty and satanic joy? These offenders against decency and humanity are in the pay of Canada and supposed to be brave men. But wearing Canada's uniform, they curse with joy as a fellow-being, who loved his country not wisely but too well, is hurled into eternity. We call the attention of the government to this matter. We demand a rigid investigation into the conduct of these police. men, and the instant dismissal of those

enough to hang this unfortunate man, but to entrust the custody of prisoners to uniformed fiends is a still greater outrage on right, decency and humanity.

DEWDNEY CONDEMNED BY HIS

Not even the "great Dewdney"-as the MacLeod Gazette sarcastically terms the little mischief-making man who tries to pose as Czar of all the North-Western Canadas, and whose posing has cost this country many a thousand—is exempt from trouble. It is the North-West Council, a hybrid body consisting partly of elected and partly official members, that is now a thorn in the side of this potent viceroy. Bedecked in the latest extravagancies of gubernatorial millinery "His Honor" condescended a short time ago to "come down" to open in person the session of the North-West Council in the capital city of the plains, which, when invested with metropolitan honors, doffed its unmelodious appellation of Pile of Bones for the more stately if less appropriate appellation of Regina. He made a speech from "the throne." We have seen no description of this throne. but fancy it must be an improvement on the boulders of the glacial period, that long Tories may now carry 12, leaving a served as thrones to aboriginal chiefs and potentates, and altogether magnificent beside the tripod from which the editor of the Regina Leader discourses words of sweetest wisdom. The Council in due time took the speech into respectful consideration, and though not characterized as a body by much of independence, either of thought or character, was actually profane and disloyal enough to the potentate of Regina to formulate a few of the grievances under which the North-West labors and groans. The Council finds that the settlers, being British subjects, are filled with distrust and uneasiness for want of increased representation, or, in other words, the want of "Home Rule;" that the means for creating schools are too limited; that the extension of municipal franchise is hindered by the land-grabbing companies which refuse to pay taxes on town sites in which the government and Canadian Pacific Railway are interested, and that (unkindest cut of all) there is reason for regret that the repeated representa-

> bellion broke out. As an evidence of the efficiency and justice of the system of government enjoyed by the North-West, Le Manitoba asserts that in the parishes of St. Jean Baptiste, St. Pie, St. Joseph and Loretto. the oldest parishes in nitob a, multitudes of patents remain to be issued. They may be issued some time before the day of judgment. Nero fiddled while Rome was burning, Sir David Macpherson slept while his subordinates incited a whole people to insurrection in the Canadian North-West. The Canadian people are now interested in the question : we to have periodical uprisings in the North-West ?"

tions of the Council, based on its knowledge

of the influence of the half-breeds over

the Indians, were totally unored till the re-

NOT QUITE CORRECT.

The Boston Pilot says:

"Sir John McDonald is a Grand Master of the Orange Order, and is bound by his oaths to carry out the dictates of that association. This is why, according to a late despatch, he consented to the hanging of Riel. Sir John is the premier of Canade, but he owes obedience to the secret, bloody and bigoted Order of which he is the servant. Individually, he would prefer to follow the dictates of humanity and policy, by com muting the sentence; but when did mercy and policy seem the same to the cowardly and cruel vehmgerichte of Orangelism?"

At a largely attended special meeting of the London Branch of the Irish National League, held in the Catholic Record office on Monday evening, collectors were named for the various wards. We appeal to the Irish Catholics and friends of good government in this city generally to give these collectors a hearty welcome. The friends of Irish Home Rule in the Forest City are numerous and generous enough to make London's

Sir John A. Macdonald has never, that we are aware of, held any office in the Orange Association. But the sad mistake of his youth in joining the Orange body, which he himself has, no doubt, often inwardly lamented, has been the great drawback to his success as a statesman. Touch fire and you will be burned, touch pitch and you will be smeared, enter even the portals of an Orange lodge and you will not only be defiled, but forever be robbed of true independence of character and action. How happy would not the Premier, who is-whatever his faultshumane, generous and large-hearted, now feel had he never identified himself with Orangeism.

THE CRUECH BY LAW ESTAB-LISHED.

We'are very much pleased to notice in our exchanges a letter addressed by Cardinal Newman to a friend anent his reported statement that he had declared the Church of England a "bulwark" of Christianity. His Eminence writes:

Mr DEAR -- Thank you for your letter. I know by experience how diffi-cult it is, when once a statement gets into the papers, to get it out of them. What can I do more than deny it? And this I have done. I always refer inquirers to what I have said in my "Apologia," pp.

The Anglican bishops say that disestablishment would be a national crime, but Catholics will say that the national crime was committed 300 years ago. Yours most truly, J. H. CARDINAL NEWMAN.

A feeber 'bulwark' than the Church

tolic origin. Cobbett in his legacy to parsons, tells the true story of the founds tion of the establishment:

"The aristocracy having got rid of Henry VIII., resolved to make a new church by law and a Protestant one, in order that the Pope might never come order that the Pope might never come and instigate the people to restore those landed estates and titles which they had got into their possession by grants from Henry. It would be wise in parsons never to direct our eyes back to the origin of this church by law established. The Catholies assert that their church originated with Christ and His apostles; yours originated with the aristocracy of England."

We have no sympathy with the establishment which led a noble people into error, and to this day keeps one of the most naturally honest and religious peoples on the face of the earth in error, doubt and spiritual inanition.

BIGOTRY RUN RAMPANT.

In the County Council of Frontenac the Orange element is represented by not few brethren of the most approved type, mong whom one Walker is evidently a shining light. Mr. Hogan, Reeve of Wolfe Island, is a Catholic, and for the past year has been chairman of the property committee of the Council. Grave charges against this committee having been adranced in the council, Mr. Hogan succeeded in repelling the accusations of carelessness, incompetency and neglect formulated against his committee, proving by the irrefragable logic of figures that that portion of the county business entrusted to the committee has been more economically managed than in former years. During the discussion on the subect, the following passage at arms took place. We quote from the Kingston News : Mr. Walker said that Mr. Hogan was son was a gentleman of responsibility, and had never to shift his property to his brother in order to save himself.

Mr. Hogan thought when a man was personally attacked he had a right to defend himself. He challenged Mr. Walker to prove his insinuation, and alluded to a brand on the latter's forehead, whereupon Mr. Walker called Mr. Hogan "a coward."

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the year he had been persecuted by this individual, and that when he was appointed chairman of the County Property committee, Walker remarked: "I wouldn't have cared a —— what you had done if you had not elected that —
papist chairman of the County Property

The Warden then ruled the discussion out of order and the dispute was brought to a close by Mr. Walker saying he was not a man to go back on what he had

Mr. Walker evidently glories in his bigotry, wallowing with very delight in his own filthy slough. To the honor of Frontenac's County Council it must be said that the party of intolerance did not succeed in fastening any discredit on Mr. Hogan, who stands fully vindicated by the resolution adopted expressing entire satisfaction with the report of the Committee on County property."

THE PARLIAMENTARY FUND.

and generous enough to make London's contribution to the parliamentary fund worthy this city and its people.

THE MEMBER FOR CENTRE MON-

Our readers will no doubt carefully read the letter from our friend, the member for Montreal Centre, that appears in another column. With very much that the hon. gentleman states we agree, but to many of his conclusions we by no means subscribe. When we read his palliation of the Orange vindictiveness that brought Riel to the scaffold, our mind went back almost involuntarily to that gloomy April day in 1883, when the Commons chamber resounded with his thundering denunciations of the Orange foe, and we had almost exclaimed : Quantum mutatus ab illo. We give the honorable gentleman credit for candor and courage in the making of his statement. But in going back to Riel's rising he is somewhat beside the mark in so far as our attitude is concerned. We have never denied Riel's criminality in revolting, never palliated his misdeeds, but we did then, and do now maintain, that under the peculiar circumstances of his case his execution were an act of cruelty, and we further held, and do now hold, that he had not died if Orange fury had not to be placated. Than the member for Centre Montreal no man can be more eloquent and vigorous when he has a good case in hand, but no man-because of his well-formed, we had almost said delicate conscience-could such a blessing be prefound guilty. It was, God knows, bad by law esholished in England Christianity dicated of a lawyer and politician—when

could not have. Its false pretences and baseless professions havedriven thousands its weakness, labors under greater into open infidelity. We see that Canon open infidelity. We see that Canon open infidelity. We see that Canon open infidelity of the highest principles of good our friend on this issue, we, however, bespeak for his letter the fullest consideration. His high standing, his great talents and brilliant services in behalf of his people entitle him to attention and re-

A BRILLIANT CEREMONY.

There has just been completed an addition to St. Patrick's Church, Ottawa, in the shape of a stately and spacious sanctu ary which will be blessed and dedicated to divine worship on Tuesday, the 8th inst., feast of the Immaculate Conception. The ceremony will be unusually imposing and brilliant. The blessing, which will take place at 10,30 a. m., will be followed by Pontifical High Mass, sung by His Lordship the Bishop of Ottawa. sermon of the day will be preached by His Lordship the Bishop of London. The Most Rev. Dr. Lorrain, Bishop of Cythera, i p.i., and Vicar Apostolic of Pontiac, as well as a large number of clergy from various parts of the country, will assist at the ceremony. In the evening at 7.30 Pontifical Vespers will be sung. We congratulate the Rev. Father Whelan, the zealous pastor of St. Patrick's, and the good people of his parish on the improvement made in the only distinctively Irish Catholic Church in the Dominion metro polis. St. Patrick's of Ottawa, as well in point of architectural merit as of spacious ness, deserves to be ranked among the finest church edifices of the country.

BISHOP CLEARY. The celebration of the fifth anniversary of the consecration of His Lordship the Bishop of Kingston, postponed from the 21st of November, will take place on the 10th inst., in the cathedral church of the mother diocese of Ontario. Pontifical High Mass will be celebrated by the Bishop of Kingston himself and the sermon of the day preached by His Lordship of Eudocia. His Grace the Archbishop of Toronto and all the Bishops of the Province are expected to assist. The five years that Dr. Cleary has spent as a bishop of Holy Church have been years of unremitting toil, ceaseless care and deepest solicitude. But they have also been years of a marvellous growth of religion, of brilliant and successful administration. An enormous debt removed, many new parishes formed, a great number of new churches and schools erected, the priesthood augmented, the cathedral church improved and embellished, pastoral visitations even to the renotest ends of the diocese, all bear testimony to the unquenchable zeal and transcendant ability of Kingston's sixth bishop, the Most Rev. James Vincent Cleary.

LAURELS FOR AN ACADEMY OF SACRED HEART.

The schools and academies of the east says the Catholic Review, will have to look to their laurels. Among the exhibitors at the late World's Exposition, New Orleans, was the Sacred Heart Academy, conducted by the Ladies of the Sacred Heart, Omaha Neb. The Academy—the most recent foundation of the Sacred Heart-received awards for specimens of its pupils' work in plain sewing, embroidery, lace, darning, work, etc. The awar on handsome silk, and bore suitable inscriptions. They were accompanied by the following letter :

"Lincoln, Neb., Oct 20, 1885. "To the Mother Superior of Sacred Heart Academy, Omaha, Neb.

"It gives me great pleasure to inform you that at the late World's Exposition, held at New Orleans, your institution received three awards for work from your pupils, exhibited in the Nebraska Woman's Department. This may be considered an honor. You will, I am sure, be interested when you know that the sidered an honor. Yes will, I am sure, be interested when you know that the silk upon which the awards are printed was cultivated, spun, woven and donated by the Woman's Silk Culture Association of Philadelphia. Will you please sign the receipts I enclose and return by next mail?

Most respectfully yours,

"Mrs. S. C. ELLIOTT,

"State Commissioner to

"State Commissioner to "World's Exposition." The superior and foundress of the Omaha Academy of the Sacred Heart is, we learn from the Review, Madame Dunne, formerly superior of the Academies of her institute at Eden Hall and Manhattanville. We are quite agreed with our New York contemporary that under these accomplished ladies' auspices it is not surprising that the Omaha Convent is already in the front rank amongst the educational institutions in the West

NO! NO! AND YES! YES!

The Ottawa correspondent of the London Free Press wired that journal on Nov. 23rd :

"The absolute absurdity of the cry that Orangeism had anything what-ever to do with the hanging of the rebel chief will be apparent to anyone who stops long enough to notice that in a Cabinet of thirteen members, six are Roman Catholics and only one an Orange-man. Of the Catholics three are French-

government.' This worthy correspondent gives an

emphatic "No, no" to the statement that was killed because the Orange body clamored for his blood. To this same statement we return an equally emphatic Yes! Yes! Nay more. No honest man who knows anything of Canadian politics can truthfully deny that Riel was made the victim of Orange ferocity. In the reasons advanced for his death, both by press and pulpit, the killing of Scott was always prominent. We were told again and again that as he showed no mercy to Scott none should be shown him. This "No. no" from Ottawa is a little late, and falls flat on the public mind.

FATHER McWILLIAMS' COR-RECTION.

We published last week a letter from the Rev. Father McWilliams to His Excellency the Governor General. We notice in the daily press that the reverend gentleman desires to correct at least one of the statements made in that letter. Having published his letter to the Marquis of Lansdowne, we feel bound, in justice, to impart to our readers full knowledge of the correction. It is as follows:-"I have seen published a letter address ed by me to His Excellency the Governor General in reference to the insanity and irresponsibility of the unhappy Louis in the control of the second control of Rici. I feel it to be a duty to my self as a priest and to His Excellency as the representative of Her Majesty that I should publicly revoke one sentence in that letter, which my mind, now relieved from the excitement of feeling which swayed me in writing it, has already condemned. It is this:—'If your Excel-lency allows the sentence of death to be carried out, upon your head and that of your advisers will rest the blood of an insane man.' Most certainly I did then will rest the blood of an Most certainly I did then insane man.' Most certainly I did then believe that Riel was not of sound mind, and ought not to have been put to death as though he were responsible for his acts; but I confess to have been carried away by my sympathy for his misfortunes and by the intensely agitating surroundings of my position whilst I was in communication with him. This explains how it was that I hurriedly penned the foregoing sentence, which should not have been addressed to the representative of the Queen's majesty, especially in reference to the exercise of the royal euce to the exercise prerogative, nor to his advisers, who I am perfectly sure have been governed in their decision by no other considerations than those of public duty and fidelity to their oath of office.'

It will be observed that Father Mc-Williams simply qualifies, but does not deny his previous statement, that Riel's sanity was open to question.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

- The British elections have from the outset been closely contested. At the time of our going to press the Liberal majority over the Tories was 21. The number of Irish Nationalists elected was 28, thus leaving the balance of power in the hands of Mr. Parnell.

- We are pleased to learn that the Rev. Father Bayard, pastor of Sarnia, has secured for his fine church a magnificent reed organ, from the firm of Doherty & Co., Clinton, Ont. A sacred concert in which leading vocalists will take part, will be given on the evening of the 6th inst., for the benefit of the organ fund, and on the night of the 22nd a Christmas Musical Festival will be held for the same good purpose in the town hall of the beautiful town of the lake.

- We are pleased to learn that the ladies of the congregation known as Faithful Companions of Jesus, have entered their new convent at Calgarry, N. W. T., and have already a fair number of pupils, boarders and day scholars. These good ladies impart a thorough Christian education to their pupils. We are glad to see that while due attention is paid to other languages, English, which is already, and will continue to be, the principal and in most part the only language of the North West, receives special attention.

- The Irishmen in Canada keep the ball rolling bravely. In the Ottawa district the good example given by our fellow-countrymen in the Dominion capital has been followed by those of the rising towns of Mattawa and Maniwaki where large contributions have been made We are pleased to notice amongst the subscribers the names of many old friends. In the Midland countles of Ontario, Lindsay and Orillia deserve special mention for their creditable display of genuine patriotism. Vicar General Laurent at the former, and Father Campbell at the latter places, lent the movement the influence of respected names and hearty co-operation.

- The New York World denounces the execution of Riel as impolitic and brutal. It gives two reasons why Riel should not have been executed : "First, the Government, by its offer to settle with the rebels' in the Northwest Territory after the latter had taken up arms, and by its admission that the half-breed residents had been wronged and were entitled to redress, precluded itself from exacting the extreme penalty of the law for the offence and made the hanging of the leader an men and three Irishmen. It is incredible that all these should have compromised their religious principles to favor a minority. No, no. Riel was hung for his

made to ascertain if he was morally responsible for his acts."

- The Pilot says of Riel's death, that the French Canadian population without exception passionately demanded that his life be spared, while the Orangemen clamored for his blood. He was flung to the Williamites as a captured fox to a howling pack. "England's enemies in Canada, the United States and Ireland may well smile at the blood-stained blunder. Forever the red line is drawn between French and English in Canada. Riel will become a Canadian Emmet. The Canadians needed a hero, a cause, and a hatred. They have them now, and if the people be worthy, they possess the secret and the seed of a nation." We do not believe that Riel will ever hold in the temple of fame a rank equal to that of the most heroic of Irish patriots. His death was, however, like that of Emmet, a cruel blow at liberty and justice, and has cast a shadow over the once bright and promising

future of Confederation.

- At the annual weekly meeting of the Quebec branch of the Irish National League it was announced that \$1,225 had been already contributed by Quebec to the Parliamentary fund. This is by far the largest amount sent from any one place in Canada, Gladly do we make mention of this fact, testifying so clearly to the genuine generosity and patriotism of the noble Irish colony of Quebec. On Thursday evening, Nov. 26th, Mr. Chas. Fitzpatrick lectured at the usual weekly meeting of the Quebec branch. His subject was "A trip to Ireland." It will be remembered that a short time ago Mr. Fitzpatrick visited England on legal business; when finished he took a trip to Ireand. While there he met many of the leaders of the present agitation, with whom he conversed and learned much information. He also attended a convention. Mr. Fitzpatrick's address was a singularly able one, even for so clever a speaker as well as deep and original thinker.

- In the Boston Pilot we read that "another English Catholic bishop takes his stand with Cardinal Manning and Bishop Bagshawe, of Nottingham, as an advocate of justice to Ireland. Bishop Lacy, of Middlesborough, in the course of an address in his Cathedral, on the night of November 1, condemned Mr. Chamberlain's attempt to drive Catholic children into godless schools. The mention of the English radical leader naturally suggested the question of Home Rule for Ireland. Bishop Lacy said Ireland had a right to legislate for herself, and hoped that his hearers would be spared to see Parliamentary institutions in that country." We are always happy to chronicle accessions to the good cause, come from whatever quarter they may. The Irish people will be glad to win legislative independence with the help and sympathy of English Catholies, but will win it in any case, with or without them. The English Catholics—we say not the Catholics of England, three-fourths of whom are Irish and in full sympathy with their motherland-have always gained from alliance with the Irish, whom so many of them, even amongst those living on the bread earned by Irish labor, affect to despise.

ST. CECILIA'S DAY.

In accordance with a time-honoured custom the feast of St. Cecilia, virgin and martyr, who was beheaded for her belief in Christianity in the second century, and who is specially honored as the patroness of music, was celebrated yes-terday in the chapel of the convent of la Congregation de Notre Dame, Glouces-ter street. It was indeed a beautifully impressive sight to witness the youthful pupils, habited in the sombre black unipupus, nabited in the sombre black uni-forms of the institution, with long white lace veils on their heads and ranging in age from the little "pets" of four or five up to the young ladies almost emerging from their "teens," file in "with solemn tread and slow," to the music of the Croatian march played on visco and tread and slow," to the music of the Croatian march played on piano and harps by Misses Gagne, Wills and Nagle, with organ accompaniment by one of the sisterhood. Precisely at seven o'clock a low mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Langevin, Oblate of Mary Immaculate, and during its progress the choir of young ladies sang the Cantathus. Choir of young ladies sang the Cantatibus
Organis of St. Cecilia, the Benedictus qui
venit in nomine Domine, Rossini's hymn to
the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and the Inviolata. At its conclusion another march was played whilst all retired. In the afternoon at four o'clock solemn bene-diction of the Blessed Sacrament was given by Rev. Father Niles, O.M.I., during which the musical programme of the morning was repeated in addition to a very beautiful rendition of the Tantum very beautiful rendition of the Tantum Ergo. The sort is was a hymn to the Blessed Virgin, in which the fair young cantatrices breathed forth their best wishes for their beloved mother superior, the Rev. Sister St. Cecilia, whose patronal feast it was. In deference to the express wishes of the mother superior, the celebration of the day was confined entirely transfer and far nursly religious chartenance. tirely to one of a purely religious char-acter—the only exception being that in accordance with the rule in such a case, the pupils were accorded a grande conge in the convent from Saturday at noon till last evening.—Ottawa Citizen,

The Madonna della Strada, an ancient picture of the Blessed Virgin preserved in a chapel of the Gesu, in Rome, was solemnly crowned not long ago by Car-dinal Howard, the Chapter of St. Peter's attending. The picture had been crowned before, but the jewels, with so many of the riches of the Gesu, were taken away in the troublous times of Pius VI.