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On Saturday last the two hundred and sixty－ fiftieth anniversary of his entrance into hol orders．The Pope＇s．Ssacerdotal jabilee is of be made the occasion of canonising a lar number of our more or lese famons conntry．
men who died for their religion in the sisteent med who died for their religion in the sosteen
and serententh centuries．The most illus triogs of the band is，perhaps，Sir Thomas
Moore，who was，howeer，execouted not be－
 Church in England．The great Cattolic
familieg of the Continent which can count saints among their ancestors are numerous．
this country they are very fer；；and it may b this conntry they are verr few；and it mas
doubted mhether the Jobilee asononistions，ts tensive ase they are，will greatly increase the
number．Many of the＂English martyrs＂ were of comparatively humble origin，an
being priests，fett no direct descendants． the present Pope＇s own family there has bee the Blessed Pietro Pecei and the Blessed Margaret Pecci．The honse of Pecei has，in．
deed，long ocecpied a prominent position Catholicise．It was at the inematance of s membe
Catile of it that St．Berrard of Sienna was canonised
nore than four centuries and a half ago，and in eld given to Rome many priests and prelate．
An elder broter of the Pope is a t this mome a member of the College of Cardinals．Le
XIII．holds his family in high affection．Th first letter he wrote，within an hour or two of
his election，was to his brothers，to whom he
 Corro Peci）a Count；；and he provided money
for the restoration and improvement of the quaint old hoose at Carpineto，which has beyond this Poope Leo has not gone．No pon
tiff ever exhibited less nepotiem．He the ever exhibited less nepoisis．
tenacions of the dignity of his family， man or honourable origio ahoold be；but
has stown aq desire to exrich either his rels． tions or himself．The leading facts of the
Pope＇s lite are well known－his energetic clearance of the neets of brigands $w$ who infeeted
dite the neighbourbood of Benerento，his nuncia－
tare at Brassels，his long tenure of the arch bishopric of Perguis．，During the three years
that he was Noncio at Brusels，Joaschim Peed that he was Noncio at Brusels，Joschim Peeci
gave many proofs that he posesesed the diplo matic instinct；and it was perhaps an unfor－
tunate thing for the Roman Curreb that Pius IX．condemned him to the occupancy of an
Italisn see for more then thitt Italian see for more than thirty years．A
the sime time it mast be recognied that wolld often have been diffecult for him to fortherious that since the sccession of Leo XIII
foll the relations of the $V$ atican with foreign Power have been vastly ameliorated．The grea riumph of his，pontificate，so far，has been
the ee－establisbment of cordial relations with Germany．II has been pretended that al the
conceasions upon that historic occasion came conceesions upon that historic occasion came
trom Prince Biemarck；bat it is absolutely foertain Ahat in abrogatiog the May Laws th
In Chapcollor did not go to Capossa at all，an that quite as muob was conceceded by the Vati
can as by the Radzimill Palace．It was inerit able that it thoold be so，since the Papacy ha most to gain thy the accommodation of it
differeneces with Germany．The relations be． tween the Vatican and the Quirinal remsin in
form what they mere at the first occupation of Rome；but in sanbstance they have greatly improved since Pope Lee succeeded to the chair of St ．Peter．Whether an inderstanding mill be arrived at darivg the present pontificate tion，the reapitionaty，erdencief of thooes by
whom the Fope is anrronded and advised． But Pope Leo，has from the frrt been carefol
to do nothing ouloontated to widen the breach
 put an end to the differences between the Church
and the State．It is oterably mell nnown that
and and the State．It is tolerably well known that
the sullen fition of the Pontifiss is imprison－
ment＂is not much to his liking ；and that he ment＂is not moch to his liking；and that he
has not tbandoned it before now has probably
heat bas not sandoned defore now has probably
been the reant o popolicy rather than of con－
viction．The Pope has given so many indica tionos of his honesty snd his decire for peaceral
retal elations between his Church and foreig
Governments，that it it is ll the more eregrettable that his astitutud upon the ITrish question has
bitherto been so ball－hearted．The proeeding of the Irish priesthood have long been so obviously illegal and immoral that it is nothing
short of amazing that they have never been short of amazing that they have never been
sterely rebuked from Rome．Igorance of the facts，and $a$ confansed notion of the issues，
are the only easily discernible reasons for the are the only easily discernible reasons for the
Pope＇s reticence hitherto．But when his Holi－ Pop＇s＇r reticence hitherto．But when Lis
ness becomes amare－and Monsignor Persico＇s report must be a very strange document if it
does not convey some notion of the feeling of logal Irishmen－that the best interests of his Church are being imperilled by the proceedingo
of some of his subordinates in Irelend hard to believe that he will maintain silence． He is believed to be anxious to establi bh
diplomatio relations with Eogland；and b could give no better proof of the sincerity of
bis friendly feelings than by condemin paganda whioh，it is fair to suppose，is as re－
pagant to the priciplese of the poman Catholi
religion religion as it is iopposed to the laws of the
conatry in which it tis carried on．$-S$ ．Jame

## reconstructing a shark．

## Whex the famons phosphate beds were d

covered in South Carolina some years ago．vase
numbers of bones and teeth were unearthed showing that in early times this looslity had
been peopled by a great concourse of strange
forms．Among the most abundant curiosities，
as the workmen termed them，were quastities
Serrated on the ceuthing edge．When shown
naturalist they were imediately recognized
as shark teeth and it became evident that a
one time the vicinity of Charleston was the be of an ocean，and that gigantic sharks floorisheed
there in great numberg．Whenerer the bedo he Ashley and Cooper rivers are dredged to and one in my collection is nearly it not quite
as large as my hand．As the bones of the shark are of cartilige，they have long since
been deatroyed，and only these beantifully
opolished teeth－for they are as fresh and glistening as when frrst discovered－are left to
lell the story．It would appear to be tr tell the story．It would appear to be an im
posible task to restore this giant from
single tooth．But it is not so dififtellt as on
single tooth．But it it not shape of the too
might imagine．From the stan
the great Carcharodon we can form soo
$\qquad$ xisting sharks，and from its size we c empted a rough restoration to gain some ide possession the jaw of a shark，which I ha caught in the Gulf of Mexico，which would a bark was about thirteen Yeet long，and the eeth about an inch and two－eights wide，and ows of these，each row being a little smaller than the last，until they dwindled down to leeth as I had，and built np a jow after the xisting model，using teeth where I had them
nd leaving gpace mhere I did not．Gradually he great month grew on the floor untill I foun myself a small item in the area，and whe
completed I found that the largest fosil shar colld have opened its mouth and allowed me drive in a top－baggy，and that its length con
not have been lees in proportion then handred and twenty－fve of thirty feet．－$C$

## CLEVER SPARROWS．

A sparrow fell to the ground from the iv that clings to the walls of Chris Churob，in
New Bransmiek，N．Js，and was found to be New Branamick，N．J．，and was found to be
siek and erippled．Its little companions swarmed about it，expresesing great anxiety， and tried to lift the bird by atatching its wing Lheir beaks．＂Presently，＂asys a gentle the birde brought a twig about four inchee long，and the ick bird cought itit the midadle． arried the igvolidd triumphanatly back

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