

to-day selected Father De Angelis, a Jesuit, to undertake that duty.

PREPARING FOR THE CON-CLAVE.

It is Reckoned that 64 Cardinals Will Cast Their Ballots in the Election of a New Pope.

Rome, July 27.—The Vatican resembles an anthill, so feverish is the work of the preparing the part of the building set aside for the conclave. Before 1870 conclaves were held in the Quirinal palace, one long wing of which was always ready without any special preparation, but in the case of the Vatican apartments three or four rooms for each cardinal have to be prepared, and as there are 64 cardinals, the amount of work involved is very great indeed. The section destined for the conclave comprises, on the ground floor of the vatican, the three suites of rooms which surround the famous court of San Damaso, the rooms under the late pope's apartments and the tower with the rooms about the Sala Ducale. On the second floor the rooms about Loggia Raphael, the pontifical offices comprising all the apartments formerly occupied by Cardinal Rampolla, who has left the Vatican altogether, will be used. The whole will furnish commodious lodging for about 500 people. The Sistine chapel, as in the case of the last conclave, will be used for the meetings of the Cardinals and the balloting.

There, after three solemn funeral services, which begin Tuesday, will be erected a throne for each Cardinal. Over the thrones will be baldacchinos, or canopies, attached to the wall behind. The moment a New Pope is elected he will lower his baldacchino as a token of his new dignity, thus silently announced. The Paulin chapel will be used for the celebration of high mass every morning of the conclave, while in the Sala Ducale will be movable altars for the masses to be celebrated every morning by each cardinal.

The gendarmes and palatine guards will be transferred to the building of the Belvedere court yard where the poor pilgrims were lodged during the last jubilee, the gendarmes' barracks being transformed into kitchens, pantries, etc. The Belvedere courtyard will be converted into general quarters for the carpenters and other workmen. The courtyard is quite unrecognizable. The long lines of glass windows of the Loggia Raphael have been painted up to a certain height as precaution and shades have been put on every window to better insure secrecy. Assurances have been given that everything will be in readiness for Friday night, but there is much yet to be accomplished.

The Temporal Power.

The Cardinals at their meeting to-day, again discussed the advisability of sending a note to the powers regarding the condition of the holy see. Some of them insisted on the necessity of not allowing the occasion to pass without again protesting against the occupation of pontifical territory by Italy, thereby showing that the papacy is determined to maintain its claims unabated. Others said that they thought that such a note would not add any force to the many protests of the same kind already made, while it might interfere with the policy which the future pope may desire to follow, and added that the best thing to do was to leave the successor of Leo XIII. entirely free to choose the course which he may consider best for the good of the faithful and the general interests of the church. No decision on the subject was arrived at. If the cardinals determine to send the note it probably will be delivered to the diplomatic body on Thursday.

STRONG WORDS FROM A MINISTER.

Dr. Hill, a well known Eastern minister, in an address to his congregation a few days ago, made the following pointed remarks:—"I want to say that we all go to the devil on \$50,000 a year—at least a great many men I know are going to the devil on that sum—and very few are escaping it. Once

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"They practice the Ten Commandments with the shall nots left out, and I warn them that in the end they will find that God and nature practice the Ten Commandments, but the shall nots are not left out.

"I cannot pick up a paper but that I see the four hundred of this city engaged in divorce suits.

"I tremble for my country when all the work the preacher does at one end in marrying, the judge undoes at the other end in the divorce court.

"If the women of my congregation who are suffering from nervous prostration had the will power to take nine out of every ten of their frocks into the back yard and burn them! I do not think they would longer be troubled with their nervous prostration."

CAUSE OF DISRUPTION IN HOMES.

Mrs. Hetty Green is the richest woman in the world. But wealth has not proved detrimental to her common sense or blunted her powers of observation.

"Divorce day, they call it," she said recently, when told of the number of divorces granted every Monday in New York city. "Well, what can you expect? These women never learn to keep house. They get married, and their sole ambition is to wear fine clothes, bleach their hair, wear gay ribbons and fine laces. Home is the last place they want to think of. They go parading around with their vulgar style and think they are beauties.

"Poor things. They never get sense. The next thing the husbands go parading around, and then trouble begins.

"Then they find themselves in court. That's it. The young folks of to-day have not inherited common sense."

Yes, and they have never received proper instruction regarding the sin of pride. A very great many of the women of to-day are as utterly useless as the stuffed figures in millinery stores. A woman who spends all or most of her time in idle social pursuits is the most useless creature on earth, and is very likely to arrive in a worse place than a divorce court.

THE EFFICACY OF PRAYER.

Speaking of the efficacy of prayer a little Belleville girl who declared she had seen a lion in the yard, was told she must go to her room and pray God to forgive her for telling a story. After a few moments she came tripping down into the room, and the following dialogue ensued with her mother: "Did you ask God to forgive you dear?"

"Yes mamma." "And he did?" "Yes mamma, He told me not to give it a second thought, as He took it for a lion himself when He first saw it."

BUSY IDLENESS.

Busy idleness is a characteristic of weak minds. What a nuisance does a person make of himself when, having no work of his own, he becomes a busybody! He labors perpetually; but to no purpose, and is in constant motion, without getting on. Like a turnstile he is in everybody's way, but stops no body; he talks a great deal, but says very little; looks into everything, but sees into nothing; and has a hundred irons in the fire, but very few of them are hot, and with those few that are he only burns his fingers.



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