## For the CATHOLIC RECORD. ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S MASSACRE.

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Editor of CATHOLIC RECORD :

Sir,—As I know that it is neither seemly nor generally prudent for a common layman to make auy reference to a leader in a religious paper, I hum-bly beg your pardon in advance, sir, for presuming to offer a little in sup-port of what you said in the Recons of the Gth least concerning the St Barthalo 6th inst., concerning the St. Bartholomew massacre.

mew massacre. For some time I have been reading Guizot's "History of France," eight volumes, New York, 1885. It is I think, the fullest history of France accessable to an English reader; and as Guizot was a stalwart Profestant, his state-ments concerning the Hugenots cannot reasonably be discredited by non-Cath-olics.

The St. Bartholomew was not the only massacre in France during the sixteenth century. The first collision between the Nationalists and the Calvinists was at Vassy, 1652. But as Guizot says, ch. xxxiii., it was undoubtedly an accident, xxxiii., it was undoubtedly an accident, a deednot at all forecast or prepared for." In vol. iii., p. [547, the same author says, "Where they happened to be the stronger and where they had either vengeance to satisfy or measures of security to take, the Protestants were not more patient or more humane than the Catholics the Catholics.

At Nimes, in 1567, they projected and At stimes, in 150, oney projected and carried out, in the town and the neigh-boring country, a massacre in which a hundred and ninety-two Catholics per-ished; and several churches and relig-ious houses were damaged or completely destroyed. This massacre, perpetrated on St Michael's day, was called the Michaelade. "So it stands on the highest Protestant authority that the first religious massacre of the sixteenth century is France was "projected and car-ried out," that is, was deliberately planned and ruthlessly executed, by the Protestants. The aext massacre was the St. Bartholomew in 1572. Guizot says that Catharine de Medici and her son, that Catharme de Medici and her son, the Duke of Anjou, were "the real pro-jectors of the St. Bartholomew." No doubt both mother and son called them-selves Catholics; but their cold-blooded conduct was, and has been, as intensely conduct was, and has been, as intensely reprobated by Oatholics as by others. Guizot, vol iii., p. 28, says, "according-ly it was, from the very first, a subject of surprise and horror throughout in Ensure " of Brit of surprise and norror throughout Europe as well as in France;" etc. But, we are often told that the Pope same *Te Deum* in thanksgiving for the mass-acre. In Chambers' "Encyclopedia," art. Gregory XIII., there is, "but in jus-tice it must be said that this was done on the report of the French ambassador, who represented that bloody event, not as a deliberate aggression on the part of the Catholics, but simply as the sup-pression of a baffied Huguenot conspiracy." Guizot, vol. iii., p. 309, says, "At Rome itself, in the midst of official satisfaction and public demonstrations of it exhibited by the pontifical court, the truth came out and Pope Gregory XIII. was touched by it;" etc. The St. Burtholomew cannot be cast against the

Catholic Church. Churchmen had nothing to do with it

It was in St. Bartholomew, of course, that Coligny was killed ; but the lamentations that have been made over his fate might well have been reserved for a worthier man. During the sixteenth century, there was not a better man nor a nobler patriot in all France than Francis Duke of Guise; and he had endeared himself to all loyal French-men by taking Calais from the English. Coligny hated him; so did John Poltrot, another Calvinist, who went through another Calvinst, who went through the country, boasting that he would kill the Duke of Guise at the first opportunity. Guizot, vol. iii., p. 255, says." His report, no doubt, interested the admiral (Coligny) who gave him twenty crowns to go and play spy in the eamp of the Duke of Guise, and some days later, a hundred crowns to buy a

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past-indeed, since the time of the Messina earthquake-has been of a phenomenal kind. 'n the same day we have often an experience of five climates, rain in the morning, glorious sunshine at noon, bitter cold at 3 p. m., sleet and snow in the evening, followed by a torrential downpour at night. Already the Tiber is swollen to its utmost be rain, and theatens to over-

flow the city, which occurrence might, as has often happened, even in recent years, necessitated our taking boats instead of trams in the lower portions of the city.

TWO ELECTION PLACARDS.

Passing through the streets of Rome yesterday, I could not help being struck by two among the many placards con-taining manifestos to the people issued by candidates of the rival parties in the general election which is presently ab-sorbing the life of Italy. The first was from Dr. Felice Santini,

a Monarchist, a solid Catholic, a man who has for several years represented his constituency honestly, fearlessly and without ever sparing a wrongdoer. His manifesto opened :

"Though assailed with injuries, calumnies and atrocious outrages (in my parliamentary career), I still stand tranquilly here," etc.

Just a word about this Dr. Santini. During his life as Deputy he has been, as he declared in his manifesto, an implacable enemy of Freemasonry. He has upheld the question of religious instruction in the schools, and has never let an opportunity pass by of championing the cause of the Church. As a natural consequence he has made for himself many enemies. I remember being present last year in the Chamber of Deputies when the momentous ques-tion of abolishing religious instruction in the schools of Italy was under dis-

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Such apostate marriages always turn Orphanage of Intra. Their father, one of those miserable fellows whose main object in life is to see that the corner out disastrous. Priests keep an eye on these renegades, and they can tell what becomes of them. They always end in the divorce court, where suicide does of the street is propped up by his back during the day, lest the walls might fall—says their mother lies under the not make such recourse unnecessary. One good thing about them is, they are seldom fruitful. God strikes with sterilruins and he is unable to keep them. One does not wonder such a worthless ity the accursed tree. The young couple go out upon the world, she a siren who has lured away her husband upon the rocks of excommunication : he a man marked like Cain with a brand of character selling the souls and bodies of the children to the Protestants, but he must wonder how any self-respecting he must wonder now any self-respecting Protestant could stoop to such a bar-gain; for bargain it must be, seeing that the Pope and many institutions and private families through Italy would be only too delighted to be given charge of the children. his Church's anathema ; both disappear ing under a gathering cloud of a world's contempt, and facing a dark night of de-spair, with no star of hope to spair, with no star of hope to light their path, vouchsafed a sight of their own damnation only when the lightnings of God's anger ever and anon flash athwart their way.

Right Rev. Mgr. Kennedy, rector of the American College, has been recent-ly received several times by Pius X. to That foolish mother wants a man for her daughter; but before he can get her he is required to part company with his deliver large sums of money sent him from America for the survivors of the honor, his manbood, and every honor-able instinct and feeling that a true man The Bishop of Lincoln, Nebraska, the Right Rev. Dr. Bonacum, was received by the Pope in private audience at the holds dear. She is the soul of this bridal between caprice and cowardice, and the ministering spirit at a banquet beginning of the week. —Rome Corres-pondence of Catholic Standard aad Times. of blood, in which two souls are immo lated and one disgraced and damned.

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camp of the Duke of Guise, and some days later, a hundred crowns to buy a horse It was thus that Poltrot was put in a position to execute the de-sign he had been so fond of proclaiming before he had any communication with Coligny." Poltrot shot the Duke in 1563. On the same page, Guizot says, "Boing brought before the privy coun-cil, in the presence of the queen-mother and put to torture, he (Poltrot) said that Admiral de Coligny, Theodore de Bezz, la Rochefoucauld, Soubisie and other Huguenot chiefs had incited him Beza, in Rocheloucanin, Soubsie and other Huguenot chiefs had ineited him to murder the Duke of Guise." As was natural, Henry, Duke of Guise, was determined to avenge the murder of his father, and on August 24th, 1572, he tracted chairman, rendered his words almost inaudible. This is one of the scenes that makes one underrate Italy, although he may have seen so much to admire in it. did what many a son would do in the

circumstances. The more any fair-minded man reads and considers what even Guizot says about the Huguenots in France, the more thoroughly will be be convinced, that as Christians they were heretics : as citizens, rebels; and as men, thorough-paced rascals. J. P. T. [Note.—We gladly insert the above becomenting letter in configuration of our circumstances.

interesting letter in confirmation of our remarks upon St. Bartholomew's Day. So far from "J. P. T." apologizing for saying a word our thanks are due to him.-Ed, C. R.]

NEWS FROM ROME.

SLIGHT INDISPOSITION OF PIUS X.

Among the many hundreds who are indisposed presently in Rome owing to the unusually long spell of unhealthy weather-which has prevailed here for the past two months—is Pius X., who for two days has suspended audiences. The Holy Father is suffering slightly from a mild form of influenza, but is otherwise well and gives no ground for y anxiety. In different papers of the sensational any

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intended to have the ceremony per-formed by a priest; but the mother of

the young lady interposed her veto and the arrangements had to be changed or the marriage called off. It seems the

The Catholics who were to have stood

up with the young people at once sent

earthquake.

Protestant minister.

in their resignation

I is not so with Catholics, who re-gard marriage as a sacrament, like baptism or Holy Communion. The Cath-olic young man, by consenting to be married by a Protestant minister ex-The other placard is from Bissolati, the Masonic candidate of the "bloc." He tells the public that those voters who were good enough fifteen months ago to install the "bloc" Municipality ommunicates himself from his Church scandalizes the whole Catholic public, disgraces and afflicts his family and disgraces and afflicts his family and commits an let of public apostaey. He completely unmans himself. To humor the whim of the girl's mother, he walks under the ex-Grand Master of Italian Masonry, Mr. Nathan, the Anglo-Italian Jew, should now rally to his standard at the urns. He tells the people that the "bloc" Municipality has cut

on the heart of his own mother and sets at naught her tears and despair. The down the cost of housing the people, lowered the prices of the necessaries of life, ameliorated the public service life, not with the blessing, but under the

curse of God. What a world of sorrow a woman's whim can bring upon two It is only in Italy a man could pub-lish such unblushing falsehoods. From happy homes. How can the young man the King down to the beggars who sleep by night on the dorstep, it is trampled on his manhood, denied his the King down to the beggars who sleep by night on the doorstep, it is known that the cost of living in Rome has been doubled in the past dozen years, and that for the past fifteen months every week has seen an in-

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