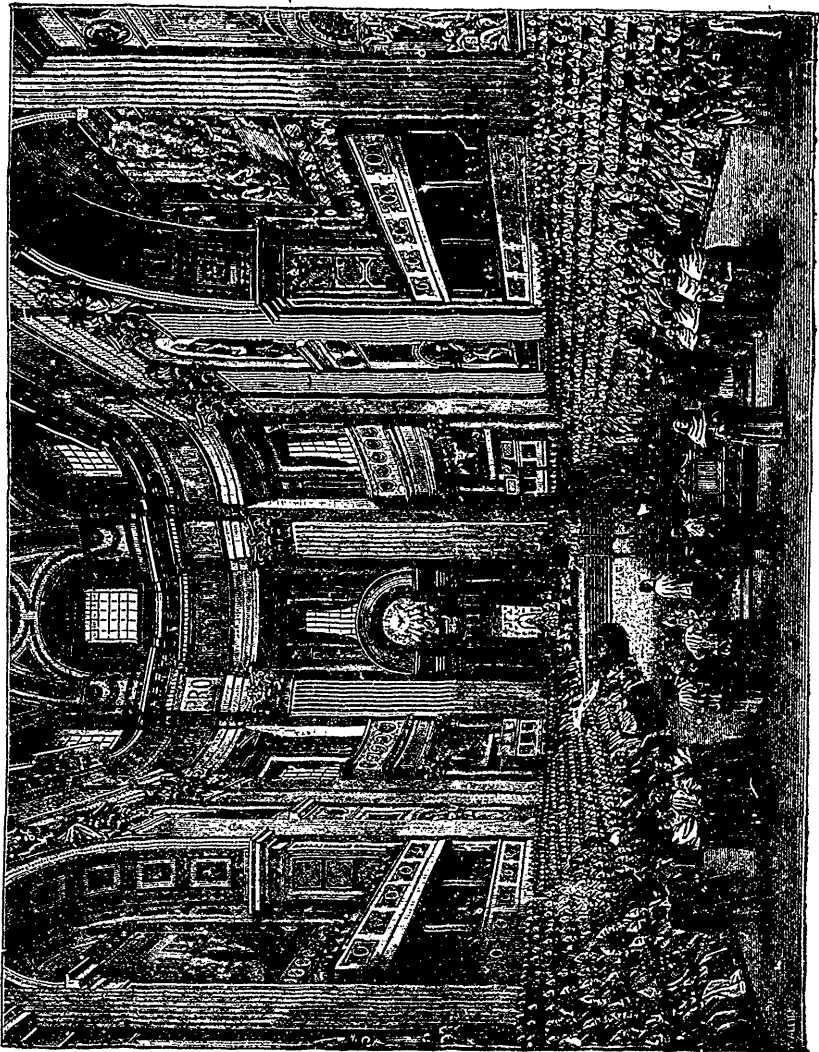


The magic of his name acted like a spell. He was soon elected, by an overwhelming majority, President of the Republic. He earned the title, Eldest Son of the Church, by replacing the



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exiled Pope on his throne and maintaining his authority with French bayonets. On December 2nd, 1851, the Sphinx executed his famous *coup d' état*. After a gay reception at the Elysée, during the night seventy-eight of the leading members of the