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DESPITE THE REIGNING PONTIFF'S QOOD HEALTH, SPECULATION IS RIFE.

Joan of Arc's Beatification-Italian Freemasons and Their Anti-Cierical

Congress - A Martyred Priest's Memory

PARIS, Dec. 1.-From Bome I learn that sithough the Holy Father's health continues satisfactory, the great age of the Pontiff is causing anxious thoughts and much speculation as to who will succeed to the chair of Peter. Pope Leo XIII. is a magnificent personality, tower ing by right of intellect, piety and majecty over all the governors of this world. His superiority is even recognized by Sistes in which the Church has but slight hold. Men are wondering who is there in the Sacred College capable of filling the place of the present Pontiff. Thanks be to God, the abiding presence of the Holy Ghost in the Couron will direct all things for good. But from a human standpoint it is not unlawful to discuss a matter of such tremendous issues to the Christian world.

Cardinal Parocchi's name is not men tion d as much as former y. Cardina-Monaco la Vil tta is scarcely in the s ate of health to bear the burden. Caroinal Rongalla's French tendencies would meet with opposition from Itsay and Austria. Cardinal Ledochowski, who erj ys Imperial lavor, would be distanteful to France. Cardinal Serafino Vanmutchi and Cardinal di Pietro are personages of high distinction both as dipomatists and prelates, and attention is natural y turned in their direction But pertaps Conduct Galimberti is looked to as the most liked of all. He wields tremendous influence in the Sacrad Caslege, and his political views are wide and enlightened. In the mean-while may our Divine L rd preserve for many years the present Pontiff glorious ly reigning.

JOAN OF ARO.

Although I am include to accept the statement with reserve, I am informed that there is some hitch in the proceed ings relative to the proposed beatification of Joan of Arc. It is even said the process may fall through. There is no dispute as to the great virtue and patriotic mission of the Maid of Orleans, but it is felt that there is not sufficient evidence of the heroic sanctity required by the Church for enrolling her among the saints. The devotion of the French to the Holy Maid is natural and commendable enough, but this is a matter which concerns the Church Universal, and so far no miracles have been worked by her intercession. Other signs required by the Congregation of Rites are also said to be wanting.

SLAP IN THE FACE FOR FREEMASONS.

The Italian Liberals made a great boast of the Anti-Clerical Congress they proposed to hold in the Eternal City a few weeks ago; but now they have been obliged to announce its postponement to 1895. The protext is that that will be the twenty-fifth anniversary of the destruction of the temporal power, and therefore the "better the day, the better the deed i" The real reason, however, it it must be confessed, is that notwithstanding every effort on the part of the

ferent houses of the congregation in France. Mgr. d'Hulst assisted at the function in his quality of rector of the Catholic University of Paris.

The personal holiness of the deceased was remarkable, and he has left a memory which will be treasured up by thousands of priests all over the world who have known and loved Father Icard during different portions of a long life consecrated wholly to the greater glory of God.—Correspondence of the Catholic Times.

RELIGIOUS NEWS.

In the December Consistory the Pope will create eight Cardinals, of which four are of foreign nationality.

A Redemptorist Monastery, the erection of which has cost over £13,000, was opened recently at Ballarat, Australia.

new Catholic college, douting \$1 0,000, is to be built at Sioux Falls, S.D., close to Bishop Marty's residence.

Bishop Keane lectured in Biston, at the Baton theatr., on Sunday, Nov 26. His subject was "The Future of Religion."

Rt. Rev. Bishop Horatman blessed a-t week the magnificent new Ursuline Convent, Cleveland, O. The entire cost of the convent is estimated at about \$200,000.

The Benedictine Abbey of Braunau, in B hemis, has just celebrated the Inth centenary of its foundation. This is the most sucient house in the kingdom of St. Wenceslaus.

Myr. Thorpe, for many years rector of the Cleveland Cathedral, gies to the In-maculate Conception of that city. Father Burke, rector of the Cathedral in Duhuque, goes to Waterloo, Iowa.

Lady Herbert of Lee, the Dowager Duchess of New Castle, the Dowager Lady Denbigh and Lady Margaret Howard, sister of the Duke Norfock, are faithful workers among the Catholic poor of London.

Rev. Elward T. Dunne was conse-crated Bishop of Dallas, Tex., at the Church of All Saints, in Chicago, on Nov. 30. Archbishop Feehan was the consecrator, and Archhishops Janssens, Ireland, Katzer, and Ryan were present.

During the past year very extensive renovations have been made on the Holy Name Cathedral, Ohicago, and the estimated cost of the improvements is \$150,000. The ceremony of unveiling the cathedral will take place before Christmus, and promises to be an elaborate and imposing one.

No one, says a Paris correspondent, could have a more peaceful or happier death than Marshal MacMahon. He was perfectly resigned to the will of God, and after he had made his confession to the Abbe Auvray and received Extreme Unotion his life quietly ebbed away.

Bev. John J. Gray, pastor of St. Jr mes Church Salem, Mass., died on last Sunday. He was the second priest ordained by Archbishop Williams. Previous to his death he had been in poor health for years, and on the occasion of the twentyfifth anniversary of his ordination on Dec. 25, 1891, he was unable to celebrate the Macs.

The entire congregation of St. Paul's Church, Cincinnati. Ohio, was nearly asphyxiated, Nov. 18, by escaping ga So gradually had they inhaled the gas of the altar boys fell over into a priest's arms. Even then so stupefied had the congregation become that the fainting of the boy caused no excitement.

represented by the superiors of the dif I member of the congregation who happened to come late to church noticed the smell of gas and the sleepy condition of the congregation, and at once opened doors and windows, thus doubtless saving many lives.

There is a Catholic hospital in Berlin, the Hospital of St. Hedwige, which is served by the Sisters of Charity. Its report for 1892, just issued, shows that during last year 5,640 were admitted to the hospital. The majority of these were non-Catholics, the exact numbers being 2,248 Catholics, 8,811 Protestants and 50 Jews.

Colonel Richard Malcolm Johnston, the distinguished novelist, read from his own works before a large and appreciative audience, in the study hall of the Academy of the Sacred Heart, Chester equare, Bo-ton, on the afternoon of Friday, Nov. 17, under the patronage of the Children of Mary, and for the benefit of their vestment fund. Rev. James A. Duonan, S.J., of Boston College, pre-sided, and among the audience were Rev. John A. Buckley, S.J., Henry J. Snandelle, S.J., and Timothy Brosnahan, S J., of Boston Oollege.

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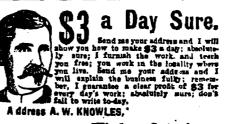
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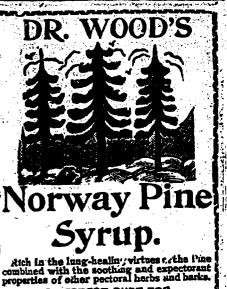
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Freemasons, the idea fell flat, and a spare attendance would have exposed that no one observed its effect until one them to ridicule. Moreover, the scheme was not favored by the government, which was scarcely prepared to allow so wanton an insult to the Supreme Pontiff.

FUNERAL OF FATHER ICARD.

On November 24th the mortal remains of the Abbe Icard, the nonagenarian auperior general of the Sulpician Fathers and rector of the Seminary of St. Supice, were committed to their last earthly resting place in the Cemetery of Issy. The funeral ceremonies were of a most imposing character. At 10 a.m. the coffin was borne from the seminary to the Unurch of St. Sulpice, where a plain cata alque had beeu erected. The Mass for the Dead was celebrated by the parish priest, Canon Meritan, in presence of Monsignor Ferrsts, the Apostolio Nuncio; Cardinal Ricard, Archhishop of Parie; Mgr. Coullie, Archhishop of Lycps; the Bishops of Versailles, Chartree, Puy, Meaux and Tenarie and the Abbias of La Trappe, Obambarand

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