



## THE COLUMBIAN CENTENARY.

**E**UROPE and America have joined hands to prepare a centenary celebration worthy of the man whose genius and daring have discovered a new world and opened it to civilized habitation and enterprise. Industry and skill, science and literature, the press and the fine arts, are vying with one another to do him honor and extol his praise. Throughout America especially, the absorbing interest is the Columbian Centenary. Lives and biographies of the hero are announced. A World's Fair has been inaugurated on a gigantic scale, to lay before the eyes of nations the outcome of the mighty resources which his bold enterprise has placed at the disposal of the fertile genius of man.

And yet Christopher Columbus was a hero saint. His real life, that which gave inspiration to his lofty genius, which lent it a motive, and undaunted courage and perseverance in the execution, was his religious and devotional life. "Inflamed with zeal," says Pius IX (Brief 1863) for the Catholic religion, Christopher Columbus conceived the project of a most daring voyage in discovery of a new world, not to add new realms to the Spanish dominion, but to bring new peoples under the empire of