

nal Fischer had greeted the Legate, the mayor of Cologne welcomed him in the name of the citizens. The Cardinal then spoke of the deep impression made upon him by the reception that the Catholic Rhineland had given him and of his pleasure at finding himself in fair Cologne.

After a few minutes the procession reformed and passed on to the Cathedral between dense cheering crowds. There the Pontifical Letters were read and Benediction was given.

SESSIONS AND CEREMONIES.

The business proper of the Congress began on Wednesday, with a morning reception by the Legate. In the afternoon of the same day, the first session was held, followed by a public meeting in the church of the Assumption; Benediction and a sermon by one of the attending Bishops was given in the evening at the Cathedral. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday the order was early mass in all the parish churches, celebrated by one of the Bishops; 8 a. m., Pontifical High Mass in the Cathedral; 10 a. m., sectional sessions in the Gurzenich and the Minorite Church. These were held in French and German. 3 p. m., sectional sessions in French, German, Italian and English. 4 30 p. m., public assembly in the Church Assumption; 8 p. m., Benediction and sermon in the Cathedral.

Sunday, the closing day, General Communion in the Cathedral and in all the Parish churches. The general Communion of the men in the Minorite Church was a grand and consoling sight and a most eloquent sermon. Pontifical High Mass in the Cathedral was sung at nine o'clock by Cardinal Vannutelli.

THE PROCESSION

CHOIR OF 16,000 SINGERS

That Sunday afternoon Cologne was one vast sanctuary. The procession of the clergy with the Legate bearing the Blessed Sacrament was to leave the west doors