

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

FRANCE.

A French correspondent of the Pall Mall Gazette says that the course of the elections in the country during the past ten months has forced the conviction upon many influential personages that the feeling of the country is in favor of a Conservative Republic, and that the present interregnum cannot be prolonged without serious danger.

M. Thiers is said to have been made ill by the debate on the Paris fortifications, but he soon recovered. Speaking for the first time since his fall from power, he strongly opposed the immediate adoption of the whole plan of the Committee, and pressed for the limitation of it for the present to the fortification of four or five points as to which everybody was agreed, leaving the rest to stand over for six weeks for further discussion.

HISTORICAL PARALLEL.—The other day a Parisian journal reminded us of a curious retrospective incident. In 1848 the Minister of the Interior addressed to the prefects the following circular:—"Use every possible means to arrest citizen Louis Napoleon Bonaparte, if he enters your department."

PARIS, April 24.—President MacMahon has opened the exhibition for the benefit of expatriated Alsacians.

According to the last statistics taken there are 35,387,700 Catholics in France, 80,757 Protestants, 40,319 Jews; odd sects, not recognized by the State 371, and 80,501 persons only had the courage to declare themselves free-thinkers.

SPAIN.

The position of Serrano is beyond doubt most critical, and I am confident that he will make the most desperate efforts to relieve Bilbao at any cost. It may be said, indeed, that his army is the last which Spain now has, and if it is beaten it is terrible to contemplate the consequences.

The papers mention a curious conversion to Carlism—that of the person who was Minister of Marine in the Radical Administration of Pi y Margall, and his formal recognition of the Government of Don Carlos.

GERMANY. The Right Rev. Mgr. Patterson describes the religious condition of Germany and the attempted justification of the whole domain of religion to the State.

A LIBERAL OPINION OF BISMARCK.—The following summing-up of the German political position is extracted from the Daily Telegraph, and is well worthy of careful perusal.

It is reported that the Carlists have released all their prisoners of war.

trasts them with the affronts now heaped upon them; the humiliation inflicted by the surrender of the Virginius, and by the glorious ships of Callao, the witnesses of the exploits of the unhappy Mendez-Nunez, having been dishonoured by the presence of the Intransigent of Cartagena.

ITALY. In the Italian parliament, deputy Suardo recently called the attention of the House to the fact that the Bishop of Avellino had been asked by Deputy Cappelletti to contradict the evidence he had already given as witness in a late trial for murder.

A WARNING TO ITALY.—The name which is signed at the foot of the following letter is that of a gentleman well known to many of our readers for his piety and for his unbounded devotion to the Holy See.

Those who attend St. Peter's during the august ceremonies of Christmas Day, might, perhaps, have imagined that temple, in all parts open to the public during the function, as much crowded as possible.

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pointing to the Liberals, who are foremost in opposition, say, "These are the people upon whose support you rely"—a kind of remark which cannot fail to be most irritating to one who left the Junkers to push on the Liberal cause.

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house. The outer doors are then locked and the blinds closed. A few persevering Indians will gather round the house, flatten their noses against the window panes for a while, and then ride off to some place where the show is more promising.

EFFORTS OF HARM.—"Practice makes perfect" is an old maxim, but one that is not so often acted upon with good habits as with bad.

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CONSUMPTION CURED. To the Editor of True Witness and Catholic Chronicle. EXTREMELY FRIEND: Will you please inform your readers that I have a positive CURE FOR CONSUMPTION and all disorders of the Throat and Lungs, and that, by its use in my practice, I have cured hundreds of cases, and will give \$1,000 00 for a case it will not benefit.

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