

KISSING THE POPE'S FOOT.

In his collection of recently published "Essays," Mrs. Seton says: "The custom of kissing the Pope's foot is as ancient that no certain date can be assigned for its introduction. It very probably began in the time of St. Peter himself, to whom the faithful have ever paid a mark of profound respect, by which they have been directed towards all his successors—always, however, having been instructed to do so with an eye to God, of whom the Pope is Vicar. In which connection most beautiful was the answer of Leo X to Francis I, who, as *Annales de France* (Paris, 1760, num. 30), relates (Annals of France, 1564, num. 30), having knelt to Bologna, humbly knelt before him and kissed his foot, saying that he was very happy to see face to face, the Pontiff Vicar of Jesus Christ. 'Thanks,' said Leo, 'but refer all to God himself.' To make such a Christian worship more apparent, the cross has always been placed on the shoes since the pontificate of that most humble Pope, St. Gregory the Great, in the year 590."

Catholicity in the Wilds of Siberia.

the Incarnation, and, it was only when she gave it, when she said her "*fiat*," that the decrees of God regarding this stupendous mystery ran on to their fulfillment and that the work of the redemption of the world was inaugurated.

St. Thomas, "that it might be shown that there is between the Son of God and human nature a certain spiritual marriage; and therefore in the Annunciation the consequence of the Virgin's consent is representative of all human nature" (Lib., iii, Art. 30.). "Answer, Blessed Virgin," says St. Augustine, "why do you hesitate about giving life to the world? The gate of heaven once opened by the sin of Adam is opened through you to come to you. God is at the gate, and He awaits the Angel whom you detain. Blessed Virgin, all the captive angels conjure you to give your consent. He who was offended has taken the first step, by which of iniquity had closed the gate of heaven. We shall be permitted to enter there you give your consent. *Est nobis aditum si assensum tuum fuerit commodatus.*" (Serm. 17 in Natal. Dom.).

Such, then, is the right of the holy Father and Catholic doctrine, is the prominent place the Blessed Virgin occupies in the divine scheme of man's salvation.

Lieutenant Danenhower, one of the survivors of the ill-fated Jeannette, which

**A MEMENTO OF SCOTT'S VISIT
ROME.**

Why He Spoke in Meeting.

The fact that nearly all the descendants of Sir Walter Scott are Catholics, says a London Weekly Register, gives a special interest to the commemoration of his age in the city which is still the capital of Christendom. A great crowd of British residents and visitors, including, with exception, every Scotsman and Scotch woman now in Rome, assembled on Saturday afternoon in the Via della Morte to witness the unveiling of the monument to the poet, which was placed by the Municipality of Rome on the front of the house number 11, in which Sir Walter Scott resided during his brief sojourn in the city. Before the covering was removed, Lieutenant Colonel Belanzer Ramsey, who stepped one of the first to the altar with the Earl of Sornometa and the Earl of Livingston, delivered a brief and effective

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dress. It was, he said, exactly half a century ago, within a few weeks, that a great compatriot went forth from his house in company with an illustrious young Roman, a man of high standing, to obtain permission from the Municipality to place a tablet on his wall had been suggested to him by his countryman, Dr. Steele, who was present. Alluding to the Roman youth to whom he had alluded, Michael Angelo said that he had been suggested and received him the greatest encouragement. Italian nobles, Prince Doria, Prince Foscoaldi, the Duke of Marino, P. Odoaschi, Duke Sforza Cesarini, Marquises Caracciolo, Calabrin, and tellachi Don Emanuel Ruspoli, and Counts Silverstrelli, to whom the house belonged, were all going to the Council of the Roman Municipality, on the subject, and at once insisted on making their own. Colonel Ramsey said that probably, with the exception of the Duke of Sermoneta, he was the person present who had known Steele personally, and he, therefore, narrated

Bishop **Maria S. L. of Rouman**

interesting reminiscences.
 acquaintance with the great poet; and
 the rector, Mr. Lockhart, in his
 Scott, tells of the poet's acquaintance
 the Duke of Sermoneta, he removed
 covering from the slab. The Earl of
 dington then, stepping forward, and
 in the name of his countrymen a
 thanks to the Syndic and Municipality
 Rome for the honorable tribute
 they had paid to the memory of the
 prior Scott, poet, novelist, and his
 placing so handsome and enduring
 tablet to commemorate his sojourn in
 ancient city—in that city of cities
 whose natural and artistic beauties
 whose archaic and historical associations
 he ventured to affirm Walter Scott
 appreciative as his great contemporaries
 author of *Childe Harold*. "It is
 the speaker concluded, "has his name
 been honored by your munificence
 for this honor I once more beg to
 you and to the Municipality of Rome
 heartfelt thanks, not only of which
 are here present, but of all my
 countrymen."
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Conversion in Rome.

The Rome correspondent of the
 Tablet writes: "Mrs. Wade, of
 Colonel Henry Charles Wade,
 the daughter-in-law of Mr. Wade of
 brancey, Co. Meath, in Ireland, re-
 ceived into the Catholic Church in

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