

approval, and we recommend it to all those who, indeed, wish to become acquainted with the true state of affairs during the Middle Ages.

In a recent edition of the "Scientific American" we read with interest of the intention of M. Georgia Knap, of erecting in Paris a hotel, which will be the marvel of electro-mechanics. The name of the hotel is to be "Electro-Feria," since all of the services are centralized in the basement. Thus it is that a guest by pressing different buttons, within easy reach of his every movement, will have all his needs supplied; supplied automatically, without anyone in attendance. This new hotel, will undoubtedly prove a source of attraction to tourists, and will be something well worth seeing.

In the correspondence column of a recent number of the "America," we read an account of "The Veuillot Centenary at Boynes." Louis Veuillot was born at Boynes just one hundred years ago, and to-day his memory is honoured, not so much because he was a great journalist, writer and conversationalist, but because he was a true son of Holy Mother Church. Veuillot was a man of ardent and fearless character, a born soldier, "whose pen dipped in irony, in good sense, in truth, pursued poets, philosophers and artists whose work he judged harmful . . . Indifferent when only his person was attacked, he was relentless when his Gospel, his faith and his Lord were insulted." Such a personage was Louis Veuillot, one of the many laymen, of whom the Church can indeed be well proud. In connection with the centenary of this distinguished person, our wish is that the remembrance of his many heroic deeds, may actuate all of us, to follow in his footsteps, and may also spur us on to champion the rights of Holy Mother Church, which action characterizes the true-born soldier of Christ.

The "Missionary" for December contains a brief, but interesting account of the life of the Rev. Father Hecker. Born an non-Catholic, God created him a "singularly independent and self-poised nature, and withal much inclined to religion." He possessed an abundant supply of the natural virtues, kindness and regard for the feelings of others being his outstanding qualities. During his younger days religious sentiments held the greatest attractions for him, and he was longing for a closer union with his creator. With this object in view he sought the advice of several of his friends, but they being unable to secure for him the much desired "faith," he turned towards the Catholic Church, into which he was received by Cardinal McCloskey, then Coadjutor Bishop of New York, in August 1, 1844. The year following this step, the new convert