

ruler so long as he administers the law equitably does not justify resistance to his authority. The sacred text in enjoining us obedience to the civil power, tells us that it is ordained by God himself, that it is the minister of God himself; and it is evident that usurpation is never vested with so high a character. In order, however, that an insurrection against an unlawful power may be legitimate and prudent, those who undertake to overturn it should be sure of its illegitimacy, should have in view the substitution of a lawful power, and should count besides on the probability of the success of their enterprise. If these conditions are not fulfilled the insurrection has no object. It is a mere fruitless attempt, an impotent revenge, which, instead of being useful to society only causes bloodshed, and can have no other effect than to increase oppression and tyranny.

PROTEST NO. 7.

We also protest against the right of temporal monarchs to interfere with the liberties of the Church, or hinder its beneficent action on the people. The Gospel must be preached. "Woe to me if I preach not this gospel."

REMARKS.

When temporal rulers wish to hinder the Pontiffs in the discharge of their most sacred duties, they must answer with St. Peter and St. John, that it is better to harken to the voice of God than to that of man. "But Peter and John, answering, said unto them. If it be just in the sight of God to hear you

rather than God judge ye: For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." Acts, II, 19.

We protest against any interference on the part of the temporal power into the Church's administration. We protest especially against any force being used to oblige the Church to administer the sacraments to those whom she considers unworthy of them, or to bury in consecrated ground those who die outside of her pale, or to interfere in any way with her sacred ordinance of matrimony, the keystone of the Christian and social fabric.

In conclusion, dearly beloved brethren, we earnestly beseech you to ask God, whose divine Providence has not invented unjust wars, which come with their fearful engines of destruction from the wickedness of man, for peace and a freedom from the evil which now inundates the world, and for the restoration and preservation of the rights and possessions of the Catholic Church in the person of our Holy Father.

The above protest was endorsed and numerous signed at a public meeting held at seven o'clock last night in the Cathedral. His Grace the Archbishop made a few remarks explaining the object of the protest, which are embodied in his notes to the various clauses as published above. The protest when signed by all the clergy and by a respectable number of the people of the archdiocese, will be forwarded to his Holiness, which will probably be in the course of ten days or a fortnight.

A Roman Catholic Silesian farmer, discussing war matters with one of his neighbors, said:—"The Prussians have got the best of it in

Schleswig-Holstein, and in Austria; but they will never conquer the French until God Almighty turns Protestant."