

teach them dependence. In our pride we have been forgetting God, and in mercy He will chastise us and bring us back to Him. May this be the result of the terrible calamity that has befallen the country. May we as a people be drawn nearer to God. May our hearts be less filled with a lust for gold, and a lust for power. May purity, and reverence, and unity be widespread. May honesty and truth become our watch-words, and thus in the fear of God and with unity and peace among all we may live as a nation and prosper as a people.

CHURCH CHIMES.

His Lordship Bishop Duhamel is now on a pastoral visit to the Indian missions in the northern portion of his diocese, near Hudson Bay.

The Pope has issued an Encyclical letter, dated June 29th, dealing with the recent attempts on the lives of Sovereigns, in which he declares that the precepts of Christ are eminently fitted to comprise both those who obey and those who command, to produce between the two sections of the community that unity of purpose, the absence of which endangers the public tranquility.

Pilgrims to the number of 1,300 recently arrived in Vienna on their way to Rome. They came from Galicia, Bohemia and Moravia, and many of them are priests. Each nationality has a clerical leader of its own. They wear a red cross on a white ground.

A cable despatch to the New York *Freeman's Journal* announces that the diocese of Newark has been divided, and the Rev. W. Wigger, D. D., the pastor of St. Vincent's, in Madison, has been appointed Bishop. A new diocese has been erected called the Diocese of Trenton, and the Rev. M. J. O'Farrell, pastor of St. Peter's Church, Barclay street, New York, has been appointed Bishop of Trenton, which diocese will include the fifteen Southern counties of New Jersey.

Through the efforts of the Catholic Association—The Holy Childhood of Jesus—£30,000 pagan children in danger of death have been baptized, and 91,000 abandoned children have been placed in orphanages during the year of 1880.

The Rev. Winand M. Wigger, D. D., of Madison, N. J., who has been made Bishop of Newark, to fill the place made vacant by the promotion of Archbishop Corrigan as Coadjutor of Cardinal McCloskey, was born in New York, December 9, 1841. He was educated at St. Francis Xavier's College in Sixteenth street, where he graduated in 1860. He made his theological studies at Genoa, in Italy, and was ordained a priest in 1865. In 1869 he was given charge of the parish of Madison. Subsequently he was given charge of St. John's Church, Orange, and next was transferred back to Madison. He is a man of rare promise and no mean abilities, and his elevation to the episcopacy has been hailed with every

demonstration of joy by the Catholics of the Newark diocese.

A unique assemblage of the Princes of the Church is anticipated in London during the present summer. The Pontifical Secretary, Cardinal Jacobini, is to be the guest of the Archbishop of Westminster, and Cardinals Newman and Howard, are expected to visit the English metropolis at about the same time.

Owing to the afflicted condition of his eyes and to his subsequent inability to attend personally to all the affairs of the diocese, the Right Rev. Bishop Keane, has appointed the Very Rev. Augustine Van de Vyver his Vicar-General for the diocese of Richmond, conveying to him all the powers belonging to that office, by the disposition of the Sacred Canons, and by the special provisions made for this country by the Holy See, and gives official notice of the same to all the members of the Reverend clergy of the diocese.

The infidel and Protestant press of Europe lately made capital out of the following circumstances: Paul Frederic, Duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, a Protestant, desired to marry a Catholic Princess, and applied lately to the Holy See for the necessary dispensation. The Protestant papers asserted that this dispensation had been granted without the Holy See's requiring the usual guarantee, that the issue of both sexes should be baptized and educated Catholics. This was false. The Holy See refused to grant the dispensation unless the required promise was made, and adequate guarantee given for its fulfilment.

The Rev. Michael J. O'Farrell, pastor of St. Peter's Church in Barclay street, who has been named first Bishop of Trenton, is about 52 years old, and has been pastor of St. Peter's for eight years, during which time he has built the schools of St. Peter's for boys and girls, at a cost of \$120,000, nearly all of which amount has been paid. Father O'Farrell was born in 1832 at Limerick, and belongs to a family that has given many sons to the Church. He began his studies at the Ail Hallows College in 1848, and completed them at the seminary of St. Sulpice, Paris, and received deacon's orders. He returned to Ireland and was ordained a priest in 1855. He occupied the Chair of Dogmatic Theology at St. Sulpice for one year. Then he went to Montreal, and was for several years one of the Theological Faculty in the seminary of that city. At the urgent solicitation of Monsignor Quinn he was induced to become secularized, and was then received into the diocese of New York, where he was assigned to duty as an assistant to Father Quinn at St. Peter's Church. This position he held four years being then appointed Pastor of St. Mary's Church, Rondout. Eight months later, when the Rev. Father Quinn was made Vicar General of the diocese, Father O'Farrell was appointed Pastor of St. Peter's in Father Quinn's place. His time outside of his actual duty in the church has been altogether occupied in the education of the children of his parish. He has perhaps the finest library owned by any priest in the diocese, is an admirable writer and a still better preacher, and has the love and veneration of both priests and people. It was at his house in Rondout, and by the help of his fine library, that the great Dominican Father Tom Burke, prepared the greater