

BISHOP MARTIN, of PADERBORN.—Rev. Dr. Conrad Martin, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Paderborn, has just died in exile at a time that the *Kulturkampf*, of which he was one of the most conspicuous victims, has been ended by the common sense and reconciliation of Pope Leo XIII. and Prince Bismarck. He looked at one time as if Dr. Martin might indeed become not only the willing but actual champion of the Roman Catholic faith in Germany, and it was with this expectation that the Teutonic Catholics hailed with delight his appointment as a delegate to the Ecumenical council. But, like all self-opinionated men of his calibre, he fell, quicker even than many of his colleagues, under the ban of the May laws. These laws he denounced in a widely circulated pamphlet at the time as "the most atrocious ever launched against the church of Christ since the Diocletian era." He was arrested, tried by a high tribunal and stripped of his vestments and his office, a proceeding which stamped him in the eyes of the faithful at once as a martyr. As such he virtuously died, mourned by thousands of German Roman Catholics, who, though they regretted his incapacity, or rather his unwillingness to follow the spirit of the age, nevertheless honored the man and the priest who had the courage to stand by and suffer for the religion of his fathers in and out of station, in prosperity as well as in adversity.