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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1906.

THE FRENCH PERSECUTION.

The political screw has been given another turn in France and the Vatican has spoken once more. But the voice of the Holy Father is in no way altered. The attitude of the Church is what it has been from the outset of the persecution. Still the politicians in power affect to discern a note of rebellion against the State this time. The parish priests are to observe essential recognition of the Separation Law, and a continuation of that passive resistance which has been their attitude in every chapter of its enforcement and which must continue to be their attitude.

And this is rebellion! Terrible reprisals are threatened; it is even hinted that all Catholic priests may be treated as foreign subjects. It is inevitable that a fresh wave of discontent will be excited among the Catholics of the Republic; but no amount of incitement in the manner of enforcing the law from the present juncture, onward can move the Church from its calm demeanor and in the end the Church will be in control of the confidence of the people.

The persecution in a word has taken on a wanton and reckless sweep, and to this there must be a limit. Religious freedom has already been banished. Religious toleration is but a name. In order to compel the Church to yield the rights of the faithful, new devices may be tried. But they will fail. And the children of the Church by obedience to the instructions given must ultimately win the recognition due to loyal citizens as well as to Christians who prize their freedom.

THE STORER INCIDENT.

The publication by both parties of letters that passed between President Roosevelt and Mr. Bellamy Storer after the retirement of the latter from the embassy at Vienna is an incident in many ways regrettable. It is rarely that men accustomed to matters of State allow themselves to break the seal of confidence and secrecy in their relations. Whenever it happens the element of friendship that has been deeply wounded almost invariably plays its part. And so it is with the Storer. They were on terms of intimacy with the President; and friendship failed to cover the fault of mismanaging a personal service that friendship inspired. The reputation of the nation may or may not have been affected in some way. At all events friendship could not balance the scale against a consideration of that nature, and in the upshot Mr. Storer considered himself badly treated. The correspondence that has been published during the past week cannot well be judged by itself. There must be more held back. But Mr. Storer should not have come before the public for a verdict where the issue is so much bound up in personal relationship and the confidence with which letters are penned between friends. If the President acted hastily and unjustly,

Mr. Storer suffered nothing more than men are suffering in every state and have suffered from the historic day of Cardinal Wolsey. To be sure in a republic the party who holds himself injured is free to give vent to his grievances. This solace Mr. Storer has had recourse to. A stronger man would have borne the consequences of what may have been more his misfortune than his fault in silence.

A PALTRY MISREPRESENTATION.

In a recent cable despatch Mr. T. P. O'Connor was represented as saying to a distinguished company at a London dinner that although the royal coach was placed at his disposal in Canada, he found travelling in this country tiresome.

The True Witness is in a position to denounce this silly story as a slander on the good sense of Mr. O'Connor. In the speech in question or in any other utterance there was no reference to Canada or to the royal coach. Mr. O'Connor, by way of complimenting Mr. John Redmond on his powers of physical endurance, told the company that the chairman of the Irish Parliamentary Party could get along as comfortably on a railway train as anywhere else; but for himself he could not become accustomed to the long journeys between American cities in filling appointments to speak night after night. Canada was not mentioned by Mr. O'Connor any other way than in terms of the highest appreciation of the public men and people of the Dominion, especially Sir Wilfrid Laurier, to whom Mr. Redmond sent a special message of thanks.

PROGRESS OF ENLIGHTENMENT

In connection with the unveiling at Bromham, Wiltshire, on November 25, of a memorial cross to Thomas Moore, Judge Adams, who was one of the speakers from Ireland on the occasion, illustrated the progress of knowledge since the day of Ireland's greatest poet by saying that it was when Tom Moore first went to England the popular ballad-writer sang:

"I met with Napper Tandy, he took me by the hand,
And he said, 'How's poor old Ireland, and how does she stand?'
'Tis the most distressful country that ever yet was seen,
And they're hanging men and women for wearing of the green."

To-day, added Judge Adams, in looking into an English crowd he could see nothing but green flags, favors and ribbons worn in honor of Ireland. The fact itself and the happy reference to it by the Irish visitor are portents of a happy understanding between the people of both countries.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

One of the most interesting of the many ecclesiastics of the Roman court has just passed away in the person of Mgr. Costantini, Archbishop of Patrasco, and secret almoner to Pius X. It may be said of the dead prelate that he had lived from his boyhood on into old age under the eyes of the last three Popes. It was by his brilliant defense of a thesis in theology before Pius IX. and many Cardinals in the Church of St. Apollinaris, in November of 1858, that the future Archbishop first attracted the Pope's attention. On this occasion the Pontiff decorated the young theologian with a gold medal. After this young Costantini was a marked man and in due time he held the positions and titles of almoner to the Pope, vicar general of his native diocese, Titular Bishop of Nicea and Archbishop of Patrasco, canon of St. Peter's and Papal almoner. It was in the last position that Archbishop Costantini rendered the greatest amount of service to the Church. Speaking of it, the "Osservatore Romano" says:

"The office of almoner to the Pope is extremely complex, and embraces many missions. It includes vigilance

over various beneficent works dependent upon the apostolic almoner, such as institutes, schools, orphanages, etc., all of which demand assiduity, prudence and uncommon tact. In the exercise of his duties Mgr. Costantini was tireless, which gained him, besides the eulogies of the Sovereign Pontiffs, the esteem and gratitude of innumerable heads of institutions sustained by this bounty."

Commandatore Giulio Tadolini's

heroic statue of Pope Leo XIII. has just received its finishing touches. It is to be erected in the Basilica of St. John Lateran, whither the late Pontiff's remains are to be removed from their present resting place in the cathedral of St. Peter. It is expected that the ceremony will take place some time toward the end of December or early in the new year. The transportation and setting up of the statue will require six or seven weeks.

The work is in marble and is about eight feet in height. It represents the Pope in the act of bestowing his pontifical blessing. He is in full robes and wearing the triple crown, and those who know him well in life say that the sculptor's portrait is a most excellent one.

The Commandatore Tadolini is one of the best sculptors of modern Italy. He has made busts and statues of half a dozen kings and was knighted by the King of Italy.

The peculiar view of Irish agricultural conditions taken by Mr. John Dryden, an Ontario expert sent over to serve upon a royal commission, has been the subject of frequent notice. The Dublin Freeman's Journal raps Mr. Dryden hard over the knuckles when it quotes the Star of this city as advocating a Canadian Royal Commission to inquire into the subject of technical education abroad before beginning a system in the Dominion. It was from Canada, where technical education is unknown, that an expert was selected to tell Irishmen how they should face this very problem. Mr. Dryden was an ass to have served upon the Commission. He is more an ass to go around airing his lack of information.

Archbishop Walsh, of Dublin, is a versatile man. He is an excellent amateur photographer, an expert shorthand writer, has written a grammar of Gregorian music, has toured the continent on his bicycle, and he was one of the early patrons of the automobile. Dr. Walsh has studied bimetalism, with the result that he favors that doctrine, regarding which he has written some pamphlets. He shines particularly as a newspaper controversialist, especially on the education question. Dr. Walsh's physique would not lead one to credit him with the amazing vitality which survives in his 66th year.

Dr. Von Lecoq, who has been travelling in the most remote parts of Central Asia on a scientific mission, with which he was charged by the Russian government, has arrived at Srinagar, capital of Kashmir, with an important collection of archaeological discoveries. These include several highly interesting paintings upon stucco, with gold-leaf backgrounds, like Italian work, and a number of manuscripts in ten different languages, one in a wholly unknown tongue. This is probably the greatest archaeological find since the days of Sir Henry Rawlinson and Sir Austen Layard.

The ratepayers of Notre Dame de Grace are agitating to have small property holders as well as large ones eligible for membership in the council. At present a man owning a farm worth \$5000 pays but \$12 in taxes, yet is eligible for the office of councillor, while a man owning town property valued at \$4900 pays \$99 in taxes and is not eligible.

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France is to-day legally without a national Church. Thus in the opinion of M. Clemenceau, she loses only "a few candlesticks." But it is an odd incident in such a trivial loss to arrest the secretary of the Papal Nunciature and have him expelled from France.

The people of St. Pierre-Miquelon are said to be extremely anxious to have the islands made over to Canada. There are at present about 600 of these people in Montreal, and thousands in the province.

The government has decided to reject the Education Bill as mutilated by the House of Lords and bring in a new one next session.

Struggling Infant Mission

IN THE DIOCESE OF NORTHAMPTON, FAKENHAM, NORFOLK, ENGLAND.

Where is Mass said and benediction given at present? IN A GARRET, the use of which I get for a rent of ONE SHILLING per week.

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No endowment whatever, except HOPE. Not a great kind of endowment, you will say, good reader. Ah, well! Who knows? Great things have, as a rule, very small beginnings. There was the stable of Bethlehem, and God's hand is not shortened, I HAVE hopes. I have GREAT hopes that this latest Mission, opened by the Bishop of Northampton, will, in due course, become a great mission.

Best outside help is, evidently, necessary. Will it be forthcoming? I have noticed how willingly the CLIENTS OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA readily come to the assistance of poor, struggling Priests. May I not hope that they will, too, cast a sympathetic and pitying eye upon me in my struggle to establish an outpost of the Catholic Faith in this so far as the Catholic Faith is concerned—barren region? May I not hope, good reader, that you, in your zeal for the progress of that Faith, will extend a helping hand to me? I cry to you with all earnestness to come to my assistance. You may not be able to do much; but you CAN DO LITTLE. Do that little which is your power, for God's sake, and with the other "littles" that are done I shall be able to establish this new Mission firmly.

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ARTHUR,

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Message of Love and Sympathy to the Pope.

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association of St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, which marked the celebration of the patronal feast day of the institution, was one of the greatest events in point of interest that has been held at the seminary in many years.

A larger number of dignitaries, many of them from distant points, were present than has attended any meeting of the alumni in many years.

A programme filling the entire day with interesting events was observed, and late in the afternoon a banquet was served to about 185 visiting delegates.

Cardinal Gibbons presided at the Pontifical Mass, celebrated by Right Rev. P. J. Muldoon, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago. The sermon was



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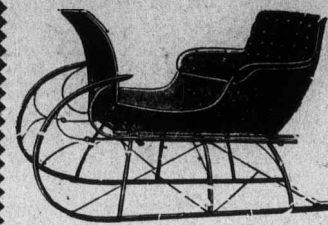
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preached by Mgr. Dennis O'Callaghan of South Boston, Mass. His subject was "The Duties and Responsibilities of a Priest."

The alumni sent the following cablegram to Pope Pius X., addressed to Cardinal Merry del Val, Papal Secretary of State, and signed by Cardinal Gibbons, the Bishops and other prelates present, the president of the seminary and the secretary of this association:

"Moved with horror at the sacrilegious outrage at St. Peter's tomb, and impressed by the distressing trials that beset Your Holiness, the alumni of St. Mary's Seminary of St. Sulpice, Baltimore, in annual meeting, wish to emphasize their loving, prayerful sympathy and loyal devotion to Pius X., St. Peter's successor, Christ's Vicar, and beg his blessing on their work in this fertile field."

To the above message the following reply was received:
To James Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore.

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