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## Notes.

Inquiries made by THE CATHOLIC REVIEW have served to confirm, so far as it is possible to learn at all definitively in advance in such matters, the announcement of the elevation of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Walsh to the Metropolitan See of Ontario. Dr. Walsh’s appointment as Archbishop of Toronto gives unbounded satisfaction to the Catholics of Ontario. It is no secret that his appointment was very much wished for, and by both clergy and people. Of the new Archbishop there is no need to speak in praise. A Churchman of long experience, and of wide and liberal scholarship, he is conspicuously fitted to discharge the important duties which devolve upon the head of the Church in this Province, an office upon which, it is gratifying to observe, he will enter with the congratulations and good will of all classes and denominations.

THE REVIEW prints in another column the rather effective letter addressed by Mr. Joseph Pope to the Rev. Mr. Hurlbert through the columns of an Ottawa journal. It is in reference to some passages in the writings of the well-known Dr. Richard F. Littledale, a divine whose opinions are much affected by anti-Jesuit speakers and writers. Mr. Pope, whose letter we publish, is the private secretary of the Premier. Sir John Macdonald, and the fact ought to afford a fine target for the arrows of the anti-Jesuit archers, those practised hands in the use of the Long Bow. When Edmund Burke, while acting as the Marquis of Rockingham’s secretary, spoke out his mind on the subject of Catholic emancipation, and against the political abuses of the time, he was denounced by the Duke of Grafton’s gang, from the corrupt old Duke himself down to every drunken little Tory lordling, as a rascally, lurking, Irish Jesuit; and the pressure brought to bear upon the Marquis of Rockingham to procure Burke’s dismissal, to even a stronger man than Rockingham must have proved well nigh irresistible. Things, of course, have changed a good deal for the better since then, but we are mistaken if, during the present distemper, the circumstance of a Catholic gentleman holding so close relation to the Premier, is not regarded by some good people as one of the not least ominous incidents in the present situation.

The position of the Sovereign Pontiff continues to be a subject of some anxiety. Eight years ago the body of Pius IX. was hunted with insults through the streets of Rome, or the summer night when it was carried to the burial place without the walls. The recurrence of that mournful anniversary gives further emphasis, the *Weekly Register* says, to the question asked with so much urgency in Rome: will the Pope leave the city of his See. The painful incidents which attended the burial of Pius IX. have never been forgotten at the Vatican, and the Sovereign Pontiff, it is believed, has never been convinced of his own safety under the protection of a Government so unwilling or so unable, as it then proved itself to be, to keep from violence the infidel and secret factions in the capital.

But though the question is pressed with much urgency, the *Register* regards it as hardly actual. His Holiness, it states, will not abandon St. Peter’s and the Vatican without some guaranty that they shall be secured in his possession for future occupation; and that the Powers will give such a guaranty is perhaps the last illusion left to a Pontiff who has had the lot of seeing so many temporal dignities and honours, so many rights and powers lapse from his office without any influential voice in Christendom being raised to support his claim for their retention.

“If” says the *Register*, “his Holiness advisers, in that curious ignorance of outside conditions which distinguishes the ‘Prelatura’ in Rome, are fostering such a hope, they are doing Leo XIII. an ill service. Signor Crispi has probably very definite intentions as to what he will do on the departure of the Pope. His Holiness will not be insulted or hooted through the streets on that last journey; the Government will prove itself quite able to keep order over the golden bridge built for its flying enemy. Then the laws which for nineteen years the Italian State has held out for the Pontiff’s acceptance will be formally rescinded, the Vatican and St. Peter’s, with the Lateran and Castel Gandolfo, will be declared national monuments, and will be placed under national control. And our knowledge of the Roman fails us unusually if any articulate word or any affective action will be even attempted against the work. The most mournful exodus which the modern world has seen will cause indeed a certain emotion. May the faithful and gentle Pontiff be spared the cruel demonstration of its limitation, its frivolity, and its futility!”

A memory equally strong in all points, says Brother Azarias in an article in the *Catholic World*, a portion of which we print elsewhere, is rare. “I have met,” he adds, “only one instance approaching such a memory in all my experience. It is that of a great churchman who stands foremost as a theologian, a canonist, a scholar, and a critic. He is familiar with several of the oriental languages; he speaks or reads nearly all the modern European tongues; his memory for facts, and names, and figures is marvellous. I have known him to quote chapter and page of authorities in published articles without consulting his books, I have heard him recite from Italian poets for hours at a time, and even give the variations of different editions that he may not have looked into for years. This venerable prelate is the pride and glory of the Catholic Church in America.” The writer refers to the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Corcoran, the editor and founder of the *American Catholic Quarterly*, that great light of the Church who has passed away since the appreciative words above quoted were written.