

THE NEW DELEGATE.

Father Martinelli Will Succeed Cardinal Satolli.

Washington, Aug. 18.—The reported appointment of Rev. Father Martinelli as successor to Cardinal Sarolli, Apostolic delegate to the United States, has been confirmed by Dr. Rooker, secretary of the legation, who has just returned from his vacation. He says there will be no official notification of the change until the new delegate arrives, and gives the following as the order of procedure: "Father Martinelli, on completing his arrangements, with his order, will sail for this country bearing credentials from Cardinal Ledochowski, Prefect of the Propaganda Fide, to Cardinal Satolli. The Cardinal will then install the new delegate in office, and explain all details of completed business affairs. According to our latest advices, Father Martinelli on August 23 was consecrated archbishop of a titular see, always a preliminary in sending a diplomat of high rank. He will sail from Genoa about the first week of September. Cardinal Satolli expects to leave America in the middle of October."

In regard to his own position and that of Mr. Sbarretti, auditor of the Legation, Dr. Rooker says:

"The term of appointment is for four years. Monsignor Sbarretti's term will not expire before February of next year. It is likely he will remain until that time, but it is possible Father Martinelli may bring an auditor with him. The office of secretary has no stated period of service, but is determined by the Propaganda authorities as they see fit."

Most Rev. Sebastian Martinelli, ninety-ninth of the long line of illustrious superiors general of the Augustinian Order (reaching back to the date of the union of the O. S. A. in 1254) was born Aug 20, 1848, in the parish of Sant' Anna, Lucca, Tuscany. His eldest brother the late Cardinal Tomaso Maria Martinelli, and the third son of the family, Father Aurelius Martinelli, now director-general of the Pious Union, also became Augustinian friars.

Sebastian went to Rome when he was 15 years of age and has dwelt for thirty-one years in the Eternal City. Most of his time has been spent in teaching. He was resident regent of studies at the Irish Augustinian Hospice of Santa Maria in Posterula and when the Government seized that house for public improvements at San Carlo on the Corso. For many years he was promoter of the causes of the Augustinian saints and blessed ones—an office of trust and great honor, inasmuch as the promoter is champion, advocate, sponsor of the candidates for canonization before the Sacred Congregation of Rites.

At the General Chapter of the Augustinian Order, convened nearly seven years ago at the Convent Church of St. Monica, Rome, in the very shadow of the Vatican Basilica, Sebastian Martinelli was elected Prior-General of the Hermits of the Order of St. Augustine, vice Most Rev. Pacifico Neno, deceased February, 1889. On that autumn day, the 28th September, 1889, Father Sebastian was in his cell at San Carlo, knowing nothing about the election. The committee from the Chapter House, coming thither in the name of the Cardinal president, found the humble friar at his desk (he was a hard student), and despite his tears and protests insisted on bearing him off to where the brethren were awaiting their newly-chosen chief. Their choice has been well approved by the distinction with which the young Father-General has filled his high and responsible position. He is a member of the Holy Office, that select and supreme tribunal at Rome which claims the Sovereign Pontiff as prefect and which is called to render decisions on the weightiest causes and questions of Christendom. He resides at St. Monica's, Rome.

He is even younger looking than his years. He sailed from Italy on June 21, 1894, and arrived in New York on the feast of St. Peter and Paul. He is the only Augustinian general save one, Most Rev. Paul Micallef, who visited South America in 1859, that ever crossed to this side of the Atlantic. The Father-General made a visitation of the houses of his order and presided at the chapter convened at Villanova College on July 25, 1884. Dr. Martinelli is in the very prime of his manhood and usefulness and possesses a charming personality—a graceful mingling of dignity and ascetic simplicity. He speaks English with ease and fluency, and his many and brilliant gifts acquire a fresh emphasis and adornment from the unaffected modesty of his bearing. To the quick, vivacious ardor of his countrymen he unites the keen insight and delicate sympathy of the high-bred churchman, and judging of the beauty of his Italian

tongue by the excellence of its English adaptability we feel sure that it fully justifies the truth of the ancient proverb that there is no language in all Italy so sweet, so musical as that of the "Lingua Toscana In bocca Romana."

The Meanings of Words.

It is true beyond all dispute that words with which we have become familiar by constant use lose for us their first and best meaning. The mistakes and misunderstandings of a generation are sufficient to shade off into very many different meanings the same sentence, the same phrase, the same noun. The stupendous effects of these changes may not be numbered.

"Great systems have grown out of theories, and theories, in their turn, have grown out of names; and both systems and theories have been wrong because the names were misnomers."

There is a lesson here for each of us, which it would be worse than foolishness to neglect, and it teaches that the choice of a word is worth nothing without a full knowledge of its true meaning—its first meaning, unprejudiced, uncontrolled, untheorized, as one might say. Close study and careful weighing of exact meanings would produce astonishing changes in the average understanding and acceptance of many most familiar terms. "16 to 1," "Silverism" and "Bimetallism" are not the only words that befog and mislead. "Education" with its full, pure strongest sense, is as great a stranger in society as either of these newer and more (apparently) mysterious shibboleths. It has so shifted and swerved from its original use that it now stands for thrusting into the mind (or even into the memory only) a quantity of information. In the beginning "education" meant the drawing out, the developing, the strengthening of every thing that was in a human being. It meant to make the very best that could be made of the being as created—morally, mentally and physically. It meant the cultivation of the whole, affections as well as thinking powers, invention as well as understanding, the ability to impart as well as the power to retain, the judgment to refuse as well as the readiness to receive. "A well educated man" in the first meaning of the term might be a perfectly rounded and developed man who had never seen the inside of a "temple of learning." Now "a well educated person" has come to mean, primarily, a well stuffed man, or rather a well filled "dump," into which have been shunted carloads of sweepings, hoardings and fantastic vaporings of the ages. Could there be a greater alteration of meaning? Can there be cited more convincing proof that we habitually misuse and unforgivably abuse the words with which we are most familiar?

The most of the danger is over when we realize its magnitude and are on guard. "A little learning" is so dangerous a thing that every effort must be made to increase the volume and add to the power of that little. Begin at the foundation, and lay it, brick by brick, thought by thought, sure and steadfast and enduring, with words that mean exactly what is to be said. Politics, domestic economy, philosophy theology, science of all kinds, art in all departments, even the "athletic craze" would have higher, deeper, wider meanings for all if the close and patient study of words were conscientiously carried out.

—Catholic Standard and Times.

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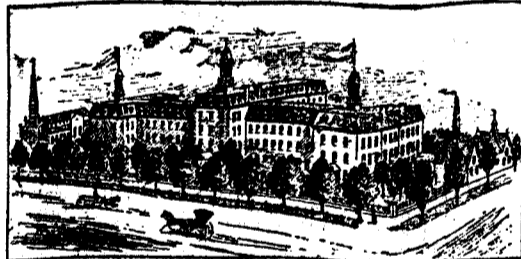
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