

Catholic News.

The words of the Holy father have not been without some effect. At the Teatro Valle, of unenviable repute, the Zaccone company is giving a series of representations. One of the items of its repertoire is the "Christ" of Bovio, for it was Zaccone himself that originated the idea of bringing Bovio's "Christ" upon the stage. The representation of this play has been prohibited in Rome "for reasons of public order."

Bovio, however, has appealed against this prohibition, in these words, forwarded to the President of the Chamber:—"The undersigned appeals to the Minister of the Interior on the subject of the concession made to the Vatican to the detriment of liberty of thought and conscience by prohibiting the representation at Rome of the 'Christ' which has already been made in several towns of Italy without the slightest disturbance of public order.—Bovio."

It seems, however, likely that the Catholics of Rome will still be spared the sorrow which a retraction on the part of the Minister would cause them.

Thanks to the initiation of Leo XIII. the Christian East receives more and more attention every day. It is well that this attention should be given it, considering the endeavours the Protestants are making to patch up a union with the same schismatics. In view of the coming assembly of Eastern Patriarchs which the Pope convoked, special studies are being made and will be subjected to their consideration. These studies are not being made at the Congregation of Propaganda, but owing to their intrinsic importance, they are being prepared by a special Commission of Cardinals. Meantime Father Vannutelli, who has done so much to further the work of reunion, has written another book, this time concerned with the religious and civil transformations of the East.

For some time past the Abbe Montennis has been upon the staff of the *Moniteur de Rome*. Under the nom de plume of "Romanus" he has written many articles upon passing events in the murky sphere of Italian Administration. He was a most brilliant writer and was gifted with a most cutting irony that often smacked the shoulders of the present masters of Rome. He kept a special eye upon the megalomaniacs and fictions of the *Tribuna*, which often suffered much from his racy and vivid animadversions. Naturally he was very much feared. Government has just confessed his power by issuing an arbitrary decree for his expulsion. He was visited by two detectives who invited him to the Questura, where he was shown the decree of banishment. He received it in the best of spirits and merely asked for two days to prepare for the journey. Only a part, however, of one day was granted him. He was then conducted again to the Questura, where he was detained till the departure of the train. At the station he was met by his old companions, who were very indignant and sorry at the loss of his co-operation. His last words to them were *au revoir*. He was then accompanied in the train by two soldiers, who politely led him across the frontier. The causes of expulsion were not stated in the decree.

It is to be hoped that the good Abbe, who was beloved of all, will continue his labours upon other soil, where the pretty vengeance of a decrepit Government will not molest his interesting work.

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