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THE CECUMENICAL COUNCIL. It is a great misfortune to the world that the policy of the Catholic Church is controlled entirely by a small body of Italian ecclesiastics, who contrive to retain all the highest offices of the Church, including the Popedom in their own hands, and who really know little or nothing about the requirements of the age in which they live. The men about the court of Rome exist in a little world of their own, and all their ideas are colored by surroundings that are as different as possible from those of the Catholic clergy in such countries as France, England, and the United States. As is always the case with men in such a situation, they are retrogressive rather than progressive, and they are utterly unable to comprehend the nature and extent of the antagonism to the Roman Church that exists outside of Italy. They do not know or care to know the strength of their enemies, and they resolutely prosecute a policy that binds hand and foot the zealous Catholics who are endeavoring to advance the interests of their religion in all parts of the world. The protest of Father Hyacinthe is an example of the dissatisfaction and disgust that exist among the intelligent Catholics who are out of the range of the Vatican influences, and who know by many and bitter experiences how mistaken many of the actions of the Pope and his counsellors are.

It was well understood that the great council called by the Pope is designed to ratify decisions already resolved upon, the principal dogmas to be asserted being the personal infallibility of the Pope and the assumption of the Virgin. It was a knowledge of the real character of the council that called forth the protest of Father Hyacinthe. We scarcely, however, expected that anything of the kind would be openly acknowledged at Rome, and it is certainly a remarkable example of the total inability of the rulers of the Church to comprehend the real situation, that the official organ of the Pope, the Civitta Cattolica, should say plainly, as it is reported to do by a cable despatch, "That the bishops have been summoned to the council not to deliberate on and decide questions by a vote of the majority, but to ratify decisions already resolved upon by the Sovereign and Infallible Pontiff."

The doctrine of the Church always has been that the decision of a universal council, after free and impartial discussion, was the voice of the Church. In such a council the

Evening Telegraph prevented, even "if a second Buckshot war Day our sturdy yeomaney by the ten thousand." This is spicy reading for the disappointed patrons of the Patriot, but it will find few recruits for its proposed rebellion. The nation has had quite enough of such campaigns, and it would be the poorest kind of a speculation to buy buckshot in expectatien of a rise.

> THE REPUBLICAN TRIUMPH in Ohio is unexpectedly complete. They have not only elected their Gubernatorial candidate by a large majority, but obtained control of the Legislature, and thus secured the ratification of the new Constitutional amendment. This result is due in a large measure to the manner in which the campaign was conducted and the issues it involved. The nomination of Pendleton by the Democracy led to a square fight on the old party issues, which were earnestly and ably discussed by the best orators of both parties, and the people have shown that they are as ready now as ever to repudiate repudiation, to ratify reconstruction, and to renounce rebellion.

THE POLITICAL situation in France is anomalous. While the Emperor has approved the modification of the old Imperial system, he has refused to define the extent of the regained liberties of the people, and the London Times charges that his confidants act "as if no change had occurred, and none was intended; as if personal rule were now, and might be expected forever to be, what it has been in the worst times." The Emperor appears to be determined to retain a controlling influence over all important popular move-ments, and he is making himself more un-popular than ever by his tortuous policy.

THE NOVEMBER MAGAZINES. Turner Brothers & Co. send us a number of the November magazines.

The Galaxy has the following articles:--"Susan Fielding." By Mrs. Edwards. Chapters xxxiii, xxxiv, xxxv. With an illustration. "The Prince Suwarof." By Jacob Spahn. "The English Universities." By Justin McCarthy. "Put Yourself in His Place." By Charles Reade. Chapters xx, xxi, and xxii. With an illustration. "The Fire-Fiend." By Eugene Benson. "Imperialism in Ame-rica." By L. "How the Blood Circulates." By J.C. Dalton, M. D. "Over and Under." By M. R. W, "The Play of the Period." By Richard Grant White. "An Editor's Tale." The Turkish Bath. By An-thony Trollope. "The Galaxy Miscellany." "Drift Wood." By Philip Quilibet. "Literature and Art." "Nebulæ." By the editor. The Galaxy has the following articles :-

"Nebulæ." By the editor. Putnam's presents the following table of contents: "Gateways to the Pole." with diagrams, Prof. T. B. Maury: "Lady Cinella," parts il and ili, Edward Spencer; "Calypso," E. Fawcett; "Leaves from a Publisher's Letter-Book"-II, G. P. Putnam; "Hel-lenic Nationality and the East," Karl Blind; "The Radical Duke," G. M. Towle: "Indian Summer," James M. Trimble; "Tent-Life in Kamchatka," Geo. Kennan; "The New Fuel," W. B. Redfield; "Con-temporary French Literature," I, Elie Reclus; "To-Day," a fomance-ch. xi-xix, R. B. Kimball; "Overweighted," Mrs. J. G. Austin; "Brevities"-Fine Arts of Society, Dress, Lucy Fountain; "Latera-ture at Home;" "Fine Arts;" "Table Talk;" "Litera-ture, Art, and Science Abroad;" "Current Events;" "Publisher's Table:" "Alphabetical List of New Pub-lications for Two Months." Godey's Lady's Book is handsomely illustrated by a

Godey's Lady's Book is handsomely illustrated by a pretty steel engraving entitled "The Two Friends," a number of fashion and pattern plates, and other artistic designs. The literary contents of this oldestablished favorite is, as usual, up to a high standard of excellence, and it well merits its reputation as a first-class periodical, devoted to the interests of the fair sex.

The Lady's Friend has a steel engraving entitled "The Sisters," pictorial descriptions of the latest fashions, and an entertaining selection of reading matter in prose and verse, with useful househ ceipts, directions for needlework, and other matters that ladies are particularly interested in. Arthur's Home Magazine is illustrated by a number of attractive engravings, and it presents an interesting variety of articles suitable for home reading. The Children's Hour has a selection of pictures, staries, and verses that will please the little ones. Once-a-Month is judiciously made up of first-class original and selected articles, and it is an excellent little magazine of entertaining reading to slip in the pocket for perusal at leisure moments, Messrs, Turner Brothers & Co. also send us *Every* Saturday for October 23,

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Pope has but one voice and vote, the same as any other bishop, and it is essential that the most unrestrained freedom of debate should be allowed in order to make the conclusions of the council binding. If there is any restraint upon the discussions, if every member of the council is not allowed to speak his mind freely and to vote according to his conscience, there are hosts of Catholics who will refuse to recognize the decisions as being those of a real council of the Church. One prominent clergyman has already announced his position in clear, unmistakable terms, and if what the official organ of the Vatican Court says proves true. he will undoubtedly be joined by others whose love for the Church and faith in its doctrines cannot be disputed. A grand opportunity to establish its authority and influence more firmly than ever is apparently about to be thrown away by the Roman Church, and with the influences for good which it can readily wield, this course cannot but cause profound regret to impartial and right-minded men, whether Catholics or Protestants.

YESTERDAY the Commercial Convention which has been in session during the week at Louisville fixed to-day as the period of its final adjournment. A strong Southern feeling pervaded nearly all its proceedings. In discussing the Southern Pacific Railroad question, it decided, amid prolonged cheers, to favor the El Paso or extreme Southern route, which runs westward from the Rio Grand, near the boundary line dividing the United States from Mexico, while the route of the thirty-fifth parallel, which was so enthusiastically condamned, is in about the same latitude as Newbern, N. C., Chattanooga, Memphis, and Fort Smith. The former is especially advantageous to the interests of the Gulf States, while the latter would more nearly approximate a line run through the central portion of the entire body of Commonwealths classified as Southern States. Reports were also adopted favoring the establishment of steamship lines between Europe and Southern ports, and various other propositions deemed useful to Southern interests were approved. As the South is now an integral portion of the Union, the increase of her prosperity will prove useful to the entire nation, and it will therefore be gladly noted by all other sections: but at the same time the bitter memories of the war are not sufficiently subdued to make the American people anxious to shower benefits upon the Gulf States at the expense of Northern tax-payers.

THE Harrisburg Patriot labors under a ludicrous misconception of the difficulty at the meeting of the Return Judges in this city. It alleges that that body manipulated the vote for Governor so as to largely increase Geary's majority and thus overcome, unjustly, the rural majority for Packer, and it announces in a Bombastes Furioso doubleleaded leader that this alloged outrage will be Paster, 10% and 126. Disaegers intion.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

NOTICE. —THE TENTH PRESBYTE-RIAN CHURCH (Rev. Dr. BOARDMAN'S), cor-ner of WALNUT and TWELFTH Streets, is open for Divine Service every Sabbath, at 10% A. M. and 4 P. M. Rev. Dr. MCILVAINE, of Princeion, will occupy the pulpit until the return of the Pastor. Strangers and all others are cordially invited to attend. 925 s5t*

THE REV. PHILLIPS BROOKS, REV. RICHARD NEWTON, D. D., and Rev. JOHN COTTON SMITH, D. D., will address a meeting to be held in the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, Phila-delphia, on Sunday evening, 17th inst., at 7% o'clock, in behalf of the Evangelical Education Society. A collection will be taken up.

ALEXANDER PRESBYTERIAN OHUROH, NINKTEENTH and GREEN Streets. Rev. E. B. RAFFENSPERGER, of Chambersburg, is expected to preach in this church on next Sabbath morn-ing at 10% o'clock, and in the evening at 7% o'clock.

THE REV. JOHN COTTON SMITH, D. D., of New York, will preach in ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH. Philadelphis, in behalf of the Evangelical Education Society, on Sunday morning, the 17th inst. A collection will be taken up for a pressing need.

Rev. C. D. KELLOGG, of Bacon Hill, N. Y., will preach in the SECOND REFORMED CHURCH... SEVENTH Street, above Brown, Tormorrow (Sunday) at 10% A. M. and 7% P. M. Sunday School exercises at 2 o'clock.

SEVENTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BROAD Street, above Chosnut.-Rev. JAMES H. MARK, of San Francisco, will preach in this Church To-morrow, 17th inst., at 10% A. M. and 3% P. M.

"DURABLE RICHES."-REV. DR. And . MARCH will preach on this subject Tomorrow (Sunday) Evening, at 7% o'clock, in OLINTON STREET CHURCH, TENTH Street, below Spruce. All persons

SIXTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SPRUCE Street, below Sixth, will be reopened for Divine service To morrow, 17th inst. Rev. W. D. HOW. ARD, D. D., of Pittsburg, will preach at 10% o'clock A. M., and Rev. A. A. WILLITS, D. D., at 7% o'clock P. M.

TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH, Chesnut street, west of Fighteenth street. REV. CEOINGE A. PELTZ will preach to morrow Morning and Evening. Services com-mence at 10% and 7% o'clock.

SPRING GARDEN BAPTIST CHURCH, THURTEENTH Street, above WALLACE, Rev. L. P. HORNBERGER, Pastor, Preaching To-morrow at 10% A. M. and 7% P. M. Sabbath school at 2 P. M. FORD Streets, Rev. N. M. PRICE, Pastor, 10%, "Christ-Did He come, or is it iancy?" 7%, "What's better than life!"

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THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. WASHINGTON SQUARE - Rev. ALBERT BARNES will preach To merrow at 10% A. M., and Rev. HEKRICK JOHNSON, D. D. Pastor, at 7% P. M. Sub-ject-"The Intermediate State."

THIRD REFORMED CHURCH, TENTH and FILBERT Streets -Rev. CHARLES WADSWORTH, D. D., will preach To-morrow at 10% o'clock A. M. and 756 F. M. ARCH STREET M. E. CHURCH. Preaching Tomorrow at 105 A. M. by Rev. JAMES NEILL: at 75 P. M. by the Pastor, Rev.C. H. PAYNE.

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