PITTSBURGH GAZETTE.

Condemnation of Galileo by the Church of Rome.

Some of our readers may remember that, in 1848, the Hon. John Quincy Adams, in his astronomical discourse at Cincinnati, made an allusion to the condemnation of Galileo by the Church of Rome. Bishop Purcell, of that city, took offense at that allusion, and came out with a card denying that the Church, as such, had ever condemned Galileo as a heretic, for his astronomical opinions. We observe by a letter from the French correspondent of the Western Christian Advocate, that precisely the same controversy has arisen in Paris, between the La Presse newspaper and the Archbishop. The editor publishes the identical sentence passed upon the great astronomer, which, if we remember aright, Mr. Adams was not able to do. We give the translation of it as a matter of curiosity and future reference. In 1826, Galileo's works were still included in the Index Expurgatorius of the Church of Rome. We know not whether they have yet been expunged. The sentence alluded to is translated as follows:

"We say, pronounce, sustain, declare, that you, the aforesaid Galileo, by the facts established in this prosecution, and avowed by you, have rendered yourself, in the eyes of the Holy Office, vehemently suspected of heresy; namely, of having believed and recognized a doctrine false and contrary to divine writ, namely, that the sun is the center of the universe, and does not move from east to west, and that the earth moves, and is not the center of the world; that no one may adopt and defend as probable an opinion which has been declared contrary to holy writ, and, consequently, that you have incurred all the censures and penalties pronounced and decreed by the holy canons and other general and particular constitutions against such delinquents.

"We shall, however, be content to absolve you, on condition that, previously, you shall, before us, with a sincere heart and unfeigned faith, abjure, curse, and detest the above mentioned errors and heresies, contrary to the Catholic, Apostolic, and Roman Church, in the manner we prescribe to you."

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