

The Benedictines of Perugia and the Franciscans of Assisi have recently gained in court an important suit against the Government. By the exceptions of the Decree Pepoli, which in 1860 suppressed their religious corporations, they retained the usufruct of their respective monasteries so long as there should remain any of the professed brethren composing the religious family in 1860. This right has been clearly recognised by the courts; hence government is forced to restore to them the respective convents, but it is thought that rather than transfer elsewhere the college of Assisi, the monastery will be expropriated on the ground of public utility. The Oblates of *Tor dei Specchi*, or of St. Frances of Rome, have likewise gained their suit against the Giunta for Liquidation of Ecclesiastical property, the Tribunals of last appeal having decided that, as *Oblates*, they do not fall under the law of suppression; the like will apply to the Oblates of the *Bambino Gesù* and of the *Sette Dolori*, both communities having been already liquidated. No doubt some new pretext will be found to avoid restoring the property seized. Meanwhile the work of spoliation goes on, the Lazzarists have lost two-thirds of their convent on *Montecitorio*, the only house yet left to them, and will no longer be able to assemble the Roman clergy for spiritual retreats. The Convent of *St. Pietro in Montorio* (titular Church of Cardinal Cullen, Archbishop of Dublin), belonging to the Franciscans of the Reformed Branch, and the residence of those Fathers engaged in foreign missions, was to have been taken possession of by the Giunta a few days since. It is hoped that foreign protection may possibly save it, as it is under the direct patronage of Spain; a patronage already recognised by the Italian Government.—N. Y. Freeman.

THE ORIENTAL HOTEL is now being fitted up with every convenience, in order that it may be made worthy of the patronage of all classes of the community, and will shortly be opened under the new management. The house is undergoing thorough renovation throughout, and a café and reading room is being instituted for the convenience of commercial gentlemen and others. Neither expense nor pains is being spared to render the "Oriental" what a first-class hotel should be.—[ADVT.]

HISTORICAL! Vide "Jurors Reports and Awards, New Zealand Exhibition." Jurors: J. A. Ewen, J. Butterworth, T. C. Skinner. "So far as the Colony is concerned, the dyeing of materials is almost entirely confined to the re-dyeing of Articles of Dress and Upholstery, a most useful art, for there are many kinds of material that lose their

colour before the texture is half worn. G. HIRSCH, of Dunedin (DUNEDIN DYE WORKS, George street, opposite Royal George Hotel) exhibits a case of specimens of Dyed Wools, Silks, and Feathers, and dyed Sheepskins. The colors on the whole are very fair, and reflect considerable credit on the Exhibitor, to whom the Jurors recommended an Honorary Certificate should be awarded." Honorary Certificate, 629: Gustav Hirsch Dunedin, for specimens of Dyeing in Silk feathers, &c.

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