

up by Lord Acton, and after a while the periodical was converted into 'The Home and Foreign Review.' Readers of Dr. Ward's 'Essays on the Church's Doctrinal Authority' are aware of the high opinion Dr. Ward had of the ability with which the 'Review' was conducted. When he undertook to edit the 'Dublin Review,' he states, the one organised intellectual agency at work amongst English Catholics was wielded by 'The Home and Foreign Review.' Censured by the English episcopate, it was discontinued, but it may be said that Lord Acton's course in his editorial policy, and again in contending for the 'non expedit' on the question of Papal infallibility, was prompted and directed by historical studies, and not by doctrinal motives. During the whole of his life he remained a convinced and orthodox Catholic, and on his death-bed was comforted by the rites of the Church. As Regius Professor of Cambridge Lord Acton gave proof of immense knowledge, and by the daily Press he is regretted as one of the most learned men of his time.

FRANCE.—Closing up the ranks.

The French people are evidently awakening to the sinister designs of the Ministry against the Church. A cable message received on Thursday last states that a Freedom of Education League has been formed in France. It includes the moderate men of all parties and creeds. The populace in many localities in Brittany and Savoy fruitlessly helped the nuns to resist President Loubet's decrees issued under the Religious Associations Act against schools which had not obtained a Government license. Abbe Gayroud, lecturing at Brest, of which he is one of the representatives, even while wearing his sash as deputy, counselled resistance to the law. The Government are determined to prosecute everybody breaking the seals affixed in proclaimed places during the course of proceedings against religious establishments.

Exemptions.

A circular issued by the French Premier enforcing the Religious Associations Bill exempts charities, orphanages, asylums for the aged, also schools, which were previously allowed a delay of 24 years to become lay establishments.

GERMANY.—The need of religion

In a speech at the Town Hall, Aix-la-Chapelle, recently, the German Emperor said: 'The young empire is strengthening itself, and confidence in it is ever increasing. The mighty German army constitutes a support to the peace of Europe. Our tongue is passing beyond the seas. Every thought of science is first turned to account by us, to be afterwards adopted by other nations. This is the world-wide imperium after which the Germanic genius strives. But it must not be forgotten that the empire is rooted in simplicity and fear of God. I look to all priests and laymen to help me to uphold religion among the people, in order that the

German name may preserve its health and strength. The principle applies equally to the two creeds—Catholic and Protestant. It is with pride and joy that I am able to tell you that the Pope said to my special ambassador who went to Rome on the occasion of the Holy Father's jubilee that he had always kept a high opinion of the piety of Germans, and especially of the German army, and the ambassador was to tell the Sovereign that the country of Europe where control, order, and discipline still prevailed, with respect for authority and regard for the Church, and where the latter could live was the German Empire, and for that the Papal See was indebted to the German Emperor. This justifies me (the Emperor went on) in saying that our two great creeds must, while living side by side, keep in view one great aim—to uphold and strengthen fear of God and reverence for religion. Whether we are modern or whether we labor in this or that field matters not at all. He who does not found his life on religion is a lost man. I rejoice that I have placed my whole people and army, as well as myself and my house, beneath the Cross and under the protection of Him Who has said 'Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My word shall not pass away.'

The King of Saxony.

A ruler of exceptional military skill and prowess passed away a few weeks ago in the person of King Albert of Saxony. In the Austro-Prussian war and right through the Franco-German campaign he greatly distinguished himself. The famous Count Moltke is said to have expressed the opinion that he was the best general of his day, and it would seem as if the same conviction prompted the tribute paid to him by the present Emperor on hearing of his death. 'He was,' observed his Majesty, 'the last great captain of a great time, the very model of a ruler's virtues, a father to his country and to his people.' Though the head of a Protestant State the King was a Catholic, loyal and true. He was always glad to avail himself of an opportunity of displaying his affection for the Holy Father, and only three months ago he sent to his Holiness as a jubilee present a representation in porcelain of the scene of Golgotha. Prince Albert was a man of deep piety. The 'Kölnische Volkszeitung' prints a letter which he sent to the late Dr. Schmitz, Assistant-Bishop of Cologne, who accompanied him as army chaplain in the war with France. In this he reminded the Bishop of having been present at his Mass whilst they 'were continually pounded at by cannon from Paris. The Prince is succeeded by his brother, also a Catholic and a warrior.

ROME.—Appointments.

Cardinal Girolamo Maria Gotti, Prefect of the Congregation of Bishops and Regulars, has succeeded the late Cardinal Ledochowski (Prefect of the Congregation), and Cardinal

Antonia Agliardi (Bishop of Albano) succeeds Cardinal Vincenzo Vannutelli (late Bishop of Palestrina).

Papal honor.

The Very Rev. Dr. Murphy, Rector of the Irish College, Rome, has been made a Domestic Prelate of the Holy Father.

SCOTLAND.—Open air preaching

Father Power, the eloquent Jesuit preacher, is making considerable impression upon the mixed audiences that assemble in the Grassmarket at Edinburgh every Friday night. His explanations of Catholic truth are much appreciated, and to many are proving a veritable religious and historical education.

Feeding the poor.

At a recent meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Glasgow, Mr. Frank Henry, J.P., presiding, it was resolved to avail themselves of the Lord Provost's invitation, and give a Coronation dinner to about 3000 Catholic poor.

A Will.

Amongst the wills and inventories recently lodged with the sheriff-clerk for Lanarkshire is that of the Most Rev. Charles Eyre, D.D., late Archbishop of Glasgow. The total estate amounts to £202,859 10s, on which death duty at the rate of 6½ per cent. is payable. The late Archbishop leaves to the Sisters of Notre Dame (Downhill Training College) his house at Lincluden, Skelmorlie, to do wherewith as they think proper.

SPAIN.—Troubles Ahead.

We ('Catholic Times') chronicled in our last issue the news that 6000 of the religious Congregations have entered their names on the authorisation lists. This would seem to show that they are anxious so meet all the just requirements of the Government. And, unless the political signs mislead, the Church in Spain is dangerously near a most serious conflict. Senor Canalejas, who left the Cabinet out of distrust for its strength or willingness to deal with the clergy in a drastic way, is now making triumphant progresses up and down the country. Vast audiences listen to his words, and his programme, thoroughly popular on such matters as land ownership, meets with a ready acceptance from the down-trodden peasants. It is not at all unlikely that the success which Senor Canalejas has met with in his political journeyings may lead the ministry to revise their attitude towards the imperilled religious Orders. The diplomatic relations with the Holy See must, they will feel, be considered from the point of view of their acceptability in the eyes of the Spanish public. There can be no doubt that the populace, in the large towns certainly, would gladly see the Church despoiled of her goods, and multitudes more would be pleased to see the monasteries robbed. The adoption of such a programme altogether turns upon such action as this of

BENJAMIN GUM

...THE...

KING of COUGH CURES.

Suits Old and Young.

Children Like It.

1s. 6d. and 2s. 6d. Chemists and Grocers.

KOOLIBAH

The Athletes Friend

UNEQUALLED FOR CHILBLAINS (Unbroken).
Soak the feet in hot water and rub in "Koolibah." Result:

Instant Relief and Reduction of Swelling.

Price, 2s. Everywhere, or Post Free from
Loasby's Wahoo Manufacturing Company, Ltd., Dunedin.

Wholesale from all Merchants.

Wholesale Agents:

KEMP THORNE, PROSSER & CO'S N.Z. DRUG CO., LIMITED