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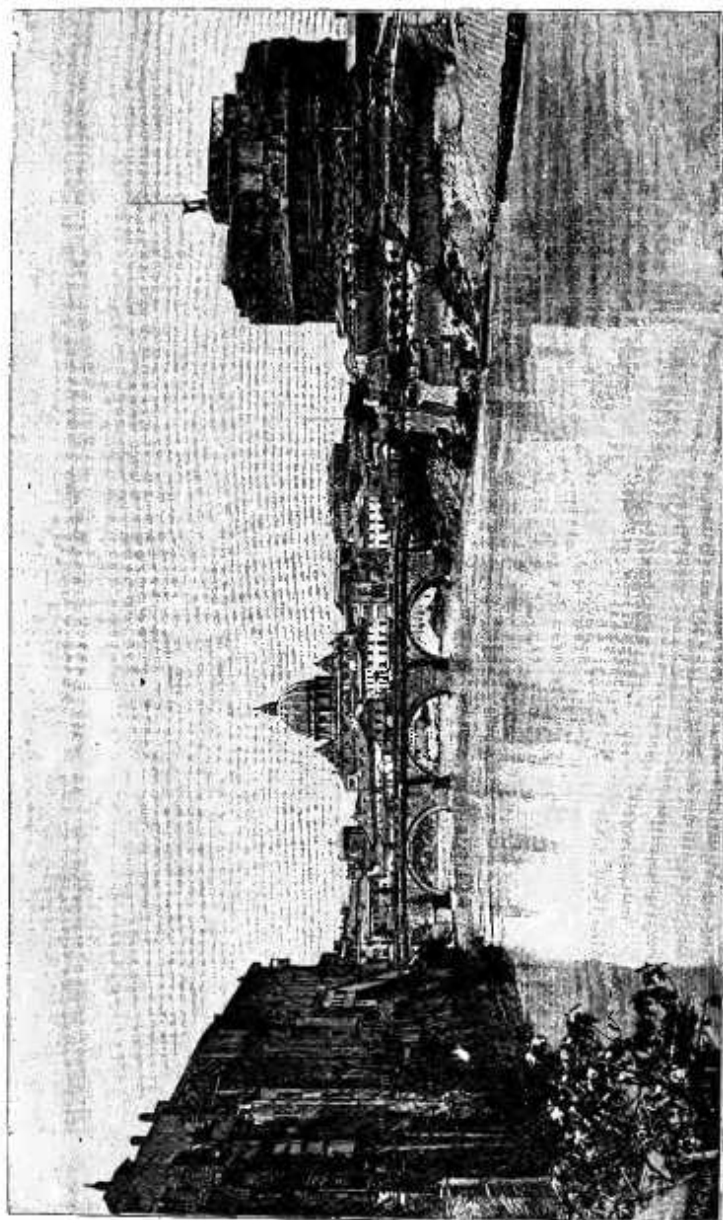
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BY
I. J. MacCARTHY, Priest,
TO HIS MANY FRIENDS AND WELL-WISHERS.



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INTRODUCTION.

HIS LORDSHIP THE RIGHT REVEREND E. J. HORAN, Bishop of Kingston, having been summoned by the Sovereign Pontiff Pius IX.—of blessed memory—to the Œcumenical Council of the Vatican, most graciously invited me to accompany him to Rome—an invitation, it is unnecessary to say, as cheerfully accepted as it was graciously given.

We reached the Eternal City toward the end of November, 1869. I left for home about the last days of April.

During my stay of five months at the centre of Catholicity, I had ample opportunity—and under the most favorable auspices—to visit, time and again, the great monuments of ancient and modern Rome. My excursions were almost daily; and I enjoyed the rare privilege of such a companion as His Lordship, perfectly conversant with the City of the Popes.

In my rambles, I noted down the more interesting objects, that they might be more vividly remembered. On my return to Canada, they were found instructive: I was urged to put them into print. I hesitated, knowing how often, how graphically—and how much better than I could hope to do—these things had been described already.

My "Notes" were thrown aside, and almost forgotten amidst the daily busy round of missionary work in the large and laborious parish of Brockville. Returned to Williamstown, I came across them, revised them, and, at the pressing solicitation of friends, consented to give them a lasting form, and in this shape present them to my many friends and well-wishers—hoping they will kindly overlook their many deficiencies, and accept them as a very simple and very unpretending record of what I saw in "Rome and Other Places."

I. J. MACCARTHY,

Priest,

WILLIAMSTOWN, GLENGARRY, ONT.,

September 8th, 1888,

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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CHAPTER I.

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THE greatest of Pontiffs had spoken; the immortal Pius IX. had summoned the Patriarchs, Priests, Archbishops and Bishops of the Catholic world, in communion with the Holy See, to meet in the Eternal City for the most important event of the nineteenth century, the Council of the Vatican.

More than eighteen hundred years ago, the first Pope, Simon Bar-Jona, Peter, the chosen of Christ, the Prince of the Apostolic College, in an humble chamber held the first Œcumenical Council and decreed: "It hath seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us, not to lay any further burden upon you, our brethren of the Gentiles in Antioch, in Syria and Cilicia, than that you abstain from things offered to idols, from blood, from strangled meats and fornication."

As the first, to whom—"all power in heaven and upon earth was granted"—so the two hundred and sixty-