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ON the seventh of February, 1878, Pope Pius the Ninth died in the Vatican. His remains lay in state in St. Peter's on the ninth of the month, and the funeral obsequies were performed on the thirteenth. Just a month before, wanting a very few days, the remains of King Victor Emanuel had been laid in the Pantheon.

On the eighteenth of April the conclave of Cardinals assembled in the Sistine Chapel to elect the new Pope. Sixty-one Cardinals were present. The late Cardinal Manning was among them. The Cardinals made the election according to the immemorial method, taking ballot after ballot, scrutiny after scrutiny. In the end the choice fell upon Vincenzo Gioacchino Pecci, Cardinal Camerlingo, or Chamberlain, of the Holy Roman Church. The result of the election was proclaimed officially from