

IX.

THE CARDINAL.



*"Vae qui justificatis impium pro muneribus, et justitiam justi aufertis ab eo."*—Isaïæ v.

There is some difficulty in ascertaining the real meaning of the designer of this subject. It has been described as the Cardinal receiving the bull of his appointment, or as a rich man making a purchase of indulgences. The latter interpretation seems warranted by the Latin motto. Death is twisting off the Cardinal's hat.