

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.