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EDITORIAL

WE offer our respectful congratulations to the Bishops of Spain on the result of the recent elections. That result is due in full measure to the action of the Bishops who devoted themselves these last eighteen months to establish in Spain that Catholic Action which it is the aim of the present Pontiff to establish everywhere. In this the Bishops have been supported by a loyal and enthusiastic laity who sank their political differences to achieve this happy result; but the success is admitted on all hands to have been the result of the diocesan committees of Catholic Action established by the Bishops and to the vocational groups which in obedience to the Holy Father they also took care to found. It is a tribute to the whole-hearted Catholic spirit of the Spanish people that such excellent success has been so swiftly gained. It will be most interesting to see how the Catholics will now use their power.

It is worth noticing that in the neighbouring nation of Portugal, the dictator, Senhor Salazar, said to be a devoted Catholic, has announced his intention of introducing the corporative State in order to reorganize the still-broken structure of Portuguese society.

It will be interesting to see how the Bishops of Holland, with their monthly meetings, succeed in their efforts still further to strengthen Catholic Action, which is already vigorously alive, in the light of these further developments. That country seems almost the best organized of any, along the lines laid down by Pope Pius XI.