

Reformed churches also had considerable strength in Hungary and Germany.

Switzerland approached the status of a nation where tolerance was understood and although the land was divided almost equally on a protestant/catholic base various parties were found in both groups.

#### V.2.f Rome

##### The Roman Church in the Industrial Age

The industrial age brought new challenges and areas of controversy to the Roman Church. In Europe the challenges centered about the development of national interest in Germany and Italy and recovery from the disasters of the French revolution. In economics the challenge was in the nature of response to the industrial age and the exploitation of the work force. The papacy had suffered in the previous century and a determined effort was underway to renew its authority. The ultramontane (papal supremacy) factions were large and confronted with a growing liberalism and the inroads of protestant modernism. Outside Europe proper the church was doing well, as we would say it. There was a revival of interest in Romanism in Great Britain and the church in the western hemisphere was growing nicely. The church mission picture in Asia and Africa also showed growth. The major difficulties were in Europe...and particularly in Italy, the power base.

Pius VII directed the church from 1800-1823 and received the Napoleonic Concordat...and later when he objected to certain aspects...spent a number of years as Napoleon's prisoner. He restored the Jesuit order in 1814 (it had been abolished in 1773 although it had continued in Prussia and Russia...territories where the Papal decrees had no force..) and it promptly became a promoter of papal power. He was succeeded by Leo XII (23-29) and Gregory XVI (d'31-'46). Although these were competent and honest men the latter in particular failed to empathize with the work force and the long struggle between "unionism" and the Roman See was well underway. The Roman pontiffs tended to see every unifying or governmental force as being a threat to their power and were not willing that any should lead without their say.