

visited the earth," but which by implication he sustains, with the corrupt Governors D'Argenson and Frontenac.

The Ven. Dean says that Protestants don't forget, if we do, that Ignatius of Loyola and Caraffa renewed the inquisition in 1542. Neither should he forget what occurred in England at the same period. We are quite willing, if he allows us, to forget how the Church of which he is a dignitary baptized its cradle in the blood of Sir Thomas More, of Bishop Fisher, and of others. It is the men of to-day we have to deal with, and not with the sanguinary code of three hundred years gone by, whose enactments prevailed both in Protestant and Catholic countries. The Jesuits of to-day are known and revered by all who have met them, or heard them, or seen their good works. They are the foremost men, as they are the most zealous, the most talented and most irreproachable body of clergymen in this or any other country. They are the pride and the ornament of the Catholic Church, and the Dean must not fancy that in slandering them he is not giving offence to the Roman Catholics of this city, and of other towns and places where his letter is read and conned over. In Saturday's issue of the Free Press the Ven. Dean lays down the principle that detraction and abuse is the characteristic of a vulgar, coarse and ungodly mind. In fact he poses as a pink of Christian perfection in courtesy. Why, then, belie all this in making such an unprovoked and wicked attack upon a body of men whom he is forced to acknowledge as earnest, zealous and self-sacrificing? Or, again, why does he attempt to drag into this controversy the religious, unoffending ladies who have charge of our schools and academies? And why, by injurious innuendoes, does he endeavor to misrepresent their motives and raise suspicions as to their honesty and truthfulness? Those ladies have been in our midst for the last thirty years; our most respectable citizens have confided to them the care and education of their daughters, and has any one—parent, father or mother—ever yet complained? Or has any one had any reason to complain? So far we never heard of any such, nor do we think it possible that any such will be heard in the future.

In conclusion, we beg to assure the public that this controversy has been forced upon us, that we are merely defending the very best, but most maligned, champions of the Catholic cause from wholesale condemnation; and although we regret the possibility of any bitter feelings being engendered, we are glad of the opportunity to represent the Jesuit question in its true light to a discerning body of readers who, we feel confident, are only anxious that truth may be known and that virtue may triumph.

Since the above was written I have been searching through the pages of history, and can find no instance in which St. Ignatius, or any other member of the Order of Jesuits, had anything whatsoever to do with the Inquisition, except in so far as some of their members became its victims in Portugal, under the iniquitous machinations of Senor de Pombal.

I am yours, on the part of the Record,

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