

FATHER MATTHEW LIBERATORE, S. J.

DIED IN ROME, OCTOBER 18TH, 1892

Father Matthew liberatore departed this life yesterday morning (October 18th) at five o'clock, after an illness of two weeks.

The deceased was born in Salerno on the 14th of August 1810. As a boy, he attended school in Naples, and at the early age of sixteen years he entered the Society of Jesus, where he completed his studies with great applause.

As Father Liberatore evinced a singular talent for mental and philosophical discipline, he was assigned by his superiors to teach philosophy. The revolution of 1848 found him in Naples. Two year later, he was associated with Fathers Taparelli d'Azeglio, Antony Bresciani and Curci in founding the *Civilla Cattolica*. He continued to be an indefatigable writer for this famous periodical for the space of forty-two years, and the last of his articles to appear in it is remarkable for the same originality which distinguished his first article in 1850.

The last page that came from Liberatore's pen was the introduction to Father Brandi's pamphlet on the French Question, which he wrote on the 30th of September last, the day before he was taken down with his last illness. He defended with untiring study and labor, as well as with great ardor and constancy, the philosophy of St. Thomas. His Holiness, Pope Leo XIII, named him one of the *Quinqueviri* of the Roman philosophical Academy of St. Thomas of Aquin.

Many are the works which Liberatore published during forty-two years, on philosophical, theological, economic and social questions. He was of a very meek and simple character. His heart was as good as his intellect was bright, and as a religious he was most edifying.

During his last illness he showed a real desire for death, a great spirit of resignation, and an enviable peace of heart. He received the Holy Viaticum in the morning of the day on which he died, and, in fact, nearly every day during the two weeks of his illness. He was wont to invoke the Blessed Virgin under the title of "Seat of Wisdom," and kept that invocation on his lips to his very last moments. The Holy Father, who entertained a great esteem for his merits, doctrine and virtue, sent him his blessing yesterday morning by his prelate, Monsignor Angeli. We may say that the venerated Father Liberatore died with the tranquillity of the ancient patriarchs, blest by God and men.—*La Voce della Verità*, Rome, October 19, 1892.

*The Highlander.*  
Denver, Col.

---

Ripans Tabules cure liver troubles.