

private and public virtue, for burning zeal for God's honor and glory, for self-sacrifice and love of their fellow men, there is no such body of men on the broad face of this earth. One of their number, St. Francis Xavier, baptized two millions of souls in Japan; St. Francis Borgia left the court of Spain "to deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Jesus." Lallement and Brebœuf consecrated the soil we live on with martyrs' blood; the Jesuit priest Marquette first sailed up our lakes and discovered the Mississippi. His grave is honored to-day, and a city named after him. A few years ago the Americans celebrated his centennial with unusual splendor, with speeches, music and poems sung and recited. Were not Ontario cursed with the sin of black ingratitude, instead of reviling her benefactors, the Jesuits, she should be to-day occupied in raising monuments to perpetuate the memory of her earliest founders. But the day will come when Ontario will be found celebrating the feast days of her patronal saints and martyrs, Lallement and Brebœuf.

I will venture a reason why the Jesuits were banished from so many Catholic countries. In those countries the politicians are divided between Ultramontanes or Catholics, and Infidels or Liberals. Whenever the Infidels, by means of organization, by means of secret lodges and carbonari, or godless secret societies, get the upper hand, their first act of policy is to banish the Jesuits. The Catholic Church is blamed unjustly for having once banished the Huguenots—but the Infidels are praised by Mr. Austin and others for having several times banished the Jesuits. It would occupy too much space in your journal were I to enumerate the infamies of the Court of Louis XV., King of France, when Pompadour and her lascivious court ruled that unfortunate country, and because the Jesuits did, what I believe the Methodist preachers would have done, viz., denied the sacraments to the scandal mongers, they were banished. They gloried in their banishment. The corrupt and effete Bourbon kings of Spain and Portugal were similarly at the mercy of lewd women and corrupt ministers, D'Aranda in Spain and de Pompal in Portugal. Were the whole truth made known to-day there is not an honest man in Canada, or a sincere, God-fearing preacher in the Protestant Church who would not applaud the Jesuit Fathers for the stand they took in those days, and hold them up for imitation to every Christian minister as models of piety and fearlessness, of zeal and self-sacrifice to vindicate the honor of women and the glory of God.

Mr. Austin, in order to blacken the character of the Jesuit Order, quoted some garbled extracts from the pages of