

I now come to the beautiful speech of Mgr. Benjamin Paquet, L.S.D., Dean of the Theological faculty. I read it with gladness on account of its moderation. Yes, Mgr. Paquet, you have been grand; all that you have said I feel myself, and I am convinced that Her Majesty, our good queen Marguerite,—that our Sovereign, the King Humbert,—that the Ministers, and the greater portion of the Italian people, would, with all their hearts, re-echo these well deserved praises of those courageous ones of the Propaganda,—who, obeying the teaching of their Divine Master, Jesus, instead of remaining in the midst of the luxuries of life, go amongst savages at an enormous distance, and risk their own lives in order to carry to them the light of civilization. A great number of these young men, you say, come out from the Propaganda's Seminary. I fully agree with you there. But do you truly believe that on account of the conversion of their estates, and the sentence of the Supreme Court, that they can no longer pursue this divine work? No, Mgr. you know, as well as I, that nothing is changed in the conditions of this institution. You know very well that your proposition containing the words, "outrages to true civilization," cannot be supported. You know as well as I, that the estates are not of an absolute necessity for the propagation of the Gospel. You know that stocks negotiable are as valid as the estates. Have the English, the Presbyterian and the Methodist Churches—which, with the Catholic, divide the difficulty of the missionary work,—any estate appointed to that purpose? No; every year they have a report of all the millions that Christian faith gives them to pursue their great mission. Why, then, moved