

To sum up. The historical evidence we have adduced is sufficient, and more than sufficient, to establish the authenticity of the story of our Lady's appearance and promise to St. Simon Stock. Its general reception all over the Catholic world, its promulgation by the *Ecclesia docens*, its acceptance by the *Ecclesia discens*, is also proof enough of the supernatural origin of the Scapular. The repeated approbation of Popes and Roman Congregations, and finally the official insertion of the story in the Breviary, would leave no doubt about the matter, even if other proof were not forthcoming. On the other hand, the account given of the Scapular by the *Catholic Dictionary* is based on a malicious, scandalous work, condemned by Rome, the author of which was a dangerous, scurrilous and disloyal character. It abounds with inaccuracies to give the statement a gentle name and displays an animus derogatory to the dignity of the Holy Mother of God, and insulting to the venerable Order of the Carmelites. It is a blot upon the pages of the *Catholic Dictionary*. The excellence of the work in other respects makes us hope that its authors will speedily disown this unfortunate production, and remove from their pages an article which is likely to be very mischievous to the ignorant and ill-informed, and to disgust all well-informed and loyal Catholics, all faithful servants of Mary and honest lovers of Truth.

THE END.

It is not knowledge, but little knowledge, that puffeth up.—CARLEYLE.

A Boston religious weekly warns its readers that hereafter Catholicism is going to be aggressive and will "seek in every possible way to get the mastery of the United States for the Pope." Not by every possible way, but in every lawful way, most assuredly, the church will strive to "get the mastery" of this and all other countries. But that means only that we shall try very hard to persuade and convince everyone outside the church, so that they may all voluntarily and gladly become Catholics. A church which does not thus try to "get the mastery" is not fulfilling the first function of the church. "Go, teach all nations," said our Saviour, who founded the church.—*Sacred Heart Review*.

AN HONEST OPINION.

THE rector of the Protestant Episcopal church of St. Barnabas, in Omaha, where the A. P. A. policy has been very active, is disgusted, and speaks out his disapproval while praising the Catholic church as follows:

"No priestly apostate is too vile to find a place and ministry in this propaganda of slander and hate; and men who call themselves ministers of Christ do not hesitate to give credence and circulation to stories which, if true, except in rare instances, would present to us a riddle which no man could solve; namely, that no part of the Christian church can show a more indomitable courage and devotion, a more tireless spirit for the conversion of heathen men and savages, at every cost of comfort, of ease, of home, of worldly advantage, of life itself, than the Roman Catholic church. Her priests penetrate into every heathen fastness; her nuns also. On every battlefield her Sisters forego the natural weakness of their womanhood to minister to the dying on the war-swept field of slaughter. They are found by day and by night in the plague-swept cities of the land and in the hospitals amid the dead and dying and the suffering. When in Memphis and New Orleans Protestant ministers fled like craven cowards, many of them, before the horrors of yellow fever, Roman Catholic priests stood like men to their posts; some of them to die beside their more manly Protestant brethren, and the men of the Red Cross, and Sisters also. * * * * *

What has become of Protestant manhood, or American honor, if it keeps silent in the face of this utter denial of Christian virtue among men and women who give daily proof of heroic courage and rare devotion on behalf of the bodies and souls of men and women, without waiting to inquire what their creed or nation is?"—*Sacred Heart Review*.

HAVE no affection for any other greater than that which belongs to God.—VEN. L. DE BLOIS.

WHERE is thy faith? Stand firmly and with perseverance; take courage and be patient; comfort will come to thee in due time.—THOMAS A KEMPIS.