

FATHER CHINIQUY.
TO MGR. LYNCH, ARCHBISHOP OF TORONTO.

ST. ANNE, KANKAKEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS }
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TO HIS LORDSHIP LYNCH, ARCHBISHOP OF TORONTO:

MY LORD:—The 12th inst., I promised to answer your letter of the 11th, addressed to the Rev. Moderator and to the Ministers of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. I come to-day, to fulfil my promise, with the help of God.

I had accused your church to believe and say that she had received from God the power to kill us poor heretics. I said that if you did not slaughter us, to-day, in Canada and elsewhere, it is only because you are not strong enough to do it. I said also, that where the Roman Catholics feel strong enough they do not think it a sin to beat, stone, or kill us when they can do it without any danger to their own precious lives.

I said that your best theologians teach that heretics do not deserve to live, and that your great St. Thomas Aquinas, whom your church has lately put among "the Holy Fathers," positively declares that one of the most sacred rights and duties of your church is to deliver the heretics into the hands of the secular powers to be exterminated.

As I expected, you have bravely denied what I said on that subject. In your reply you complain that the quotations I made of St. Thomas, on that subject, are not correct.

Here is my answer to your denegations. I have the works of St. Thomas just now on my table. I will copy word for word what he says in Latin and translate it into plain English, respectfully asking your lordship to tell the Canadian people whether or not my translation is correct:

"*Quamquam hæritici tolerandi non sunt ipso illorum demerito, usque tamen ad secundam correptionem expectandi sunt ut ad sanam repeant Ecclesiæ fidem. Qui vero, post secundam correptionem, in suo errore obstinati permanent, non modo excommunicationis sententi, sed etiam secularibus principibus exterminandi tradendi sunt.*"

TRANSLATION.

"Though heretics must not be tolerated because they deserved it we must bear with them till, by a second admonition, they may be brought back to the faith of the Church. But those who, after a second admonition, remain obstinate in their errors, must not only be excommunicated, but they must be delivered to the secular power to be exterminated." (St. Thomas Aquinas, 4th v., page 90.)

At the page 91, he says: "Though heretics who repent must always be accepted to penance as often as they have fallen, they