

by publications of all sorts, Pope Clement XIV. suppressed the Order for the sake of peace. In consequence 39 Provinces, 176 Seminaries, 669 Colleges, 359 Smaller Residences, 223 Missions (mostly among heathen nations) were given over to secular hands, and 22,000 members deprived of the happiness of Religious life. Was it not a great calamity? The sword could never have attempted it; it was effected by the pen, and by the pen alone.

The denial of the divine authority of the Church naturally led to the denial of human authority in the State. In France the spirit of rebellion against the Church was caused by the books of the Huguenots, and the Jansenists. The Holy See opposed all its weight but the adverse writings prevailed in the Parliaments, in the legal profession and especially in the provinces where they were profusely disseminated.

The world is aware what evil the Free Masons have done the true religion. When was this body formed? At the time when a reaction set in against the skeptical literature of the 18th century, the censured authors retired into the secrecy of Masonic lodges and continued this nefarious works unmolested.

Joseph II., by a stroke of a pen destroyed the Constitution of the Austrian Netherlands and replaced it by laws in sympathy with the anti-religious writings of his age.

Not one of the philosophers obtained an influence in shaping future events which could be compared with that of Rousseau. His "Social Contract" published in 1762 became the model of the revolutionary state. With him, in his writings, the state is nothing but a collection of individuals. Everything that opposes an obstacle to the equality of the citizens, such as a government or a Church, must be overthrown.

It is evident that such a theory, carried out in practice, must lead to anarchy and mob rule.

So much for the Reformation and the French Revolution, the two greatest blows dealt the Catholic Church. If now we take up the literature of the present day we can hardly find a more pernicious effect on the morality of our youth than is produced the trash daily set before it by immoral writers. Much of the present day literature is unspeakably "yellow," but feverishly consumed by the young. From the printing press of the world pours forth, day by day, a stream of pollution, poisoning the minds of the simple and inexperienced, and preparing the way by its solvent and destructive