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| the best argument <br> The most efficacious means of refuting calumnies againat the Church is the exhibition of that virtue which she requires in the lives of her members. Religion is estimated from the examples of it which are under observation. Protestants do not, as a rule, read Catholic books but they read Catholio men, and are more influenced by his actions than they would be by any exposition of Catholic doctrine. When they see the trath and love which he claims to poseess monlding his life they are disposed to give no eredence to calumny, and they get a right view of what the Catholio doctrine and religion really are. When the Cathollc Church is beheld as it really is, One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic, it is its own witness and proves itself. The only way to attract the multitude who are without is to preach, to live, to build up and embody pare and genuine Catholiciem. |
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