

cal Holland had also her agitation, when her turn came in 1853, and she witnessed the restoration of her hierarchy, and saw once more Catholicism bud forth and blossom with exuberance; and we heard then from the lips of a Belgian prelate, who had just returned from a visit to the Netherlands, of the marvels he had been witness of in the reascent Church of St. Willibrod and St. Boniface."

Since then wonders of faith have not ceased. In the provinces of the Low Countries, dry figures and statistics become eloquent; witness the reports on Peter's Pence and on the work of the Propagation of the Faith, or consult the lists of pontifical zouaves who rushed to defend the patrimony of the Popes, or again of Holland's zealous missionaries who are continually being sent to the ends of the earth!

With such facts before us, it would be difficult to wholly reject the consoling conclusion Father Marquigny draws, in the *Etudes Religieuses*, from similar considerations: "Truly, the complete return of Holland to integral Christianity cannot be far off. The recent beatification of the Dutch martyrs of Gorcum has, in this country, infused into the hearts of Catholics an increase of fortitude and zeal, and for our separated brethren has sent forth a beam of light which must irresistibly bring conviction to their minds of the truth of Roman Catholic dogmas."

But let us not lose sight of the fact that in Holland, even more than in Belgium, Freemasonry is powerful and redoubtable, and that by its execrable school laws it is bent on perverting youth. Let us then ask the Heart of Jesus for the Catholics of both Holland and Belgium a renewal of activity, zeal and disinterested union of hearts and purpose that may assure a full triumph for their cause.