

TO THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CANADIANS.

PASSING a few days in Montreal, my eyes fell on a pamphlet entitled "Spoliation of the Propaganda's Estates." The name of Laval University, which appeared on the cover of the pamphlet, attracted my attention. Living in Toronto, and being occupied in teaching my language, I seldom had the opportunity of reading the news of my beloved country. I was then very happy to seize this occasion to learn something about it; consequently I bought the pamphlet, and I began to read it with eagerness.

From the very first pages I was surprised, and my astonishment increased as I progressed in my reading. "Is it possible," I said to myself, "that the Italian Government is denounced in such a strong manner? Will no one undertake to justify it?"

An inward voice, which I was unable to disobey, said to me, "Answer, and follow the feelings of your conscience,"—and this is how I resolved to write these few pages.

One thought made me hesitate,—Shall I be believed? This hesitation was soon overcome, and I searched for official documents.