

after having been signed by all the officials present, is sealed up in the coffin to remain until its next presentation. It is affirmed that no species of fraud could by any possibility be admitted.

"I happened to be travelling in that part of the world in 1859, and as I was intimately acquainted with the then Governor, having served in the same regiment with him as a youngster, he readily admitted my request for a private inspection, although not of the Roman Catholic faith. Proceeding accordingly to the cathedral, accompanied by the Archbishop's chaplain and an aide-de-camp, I found the body in its massive silver coffin, inlaid with the richest embroidery, open in a glass case, lying at the foot of the altar. The front of the case forming a door, composed of one solid piece of glass, was unlocked with a key brought, firmly fastened round his wrist by a gold chain, by the aide-de-camp. The coffin was drawn out on truckles, and I knelt by the side for a closer view. It represented a man of about forty years, rather under than over the medium height, in a most perfect state of preservation. The frame was that of a slightly built man, and the countenance had the appearance of a holy calm and peace. In fact it wore an expression of unutterable love which was fascinating. I remarked that a slightly darkened spot appeared under the left eye, and this I was told had appeared since the previous inspection some twenty years before, and was supposed to be occasioned by a blow received by the Apostle at the time of his murder. The present occasion, it is thought, will be one of the greatest gatherings that has ever occurred, as notifications have already been received of the intended presence of almost all the Roman Catholic bishops in India, as well as several from Europe, who will take advantage of the Suez Canal, available for the first time for the pilgrim