

the opinions and evidence on each side are nearly balanced.

On the one hand, Salicetti, the Pope's physician, denied that the body showed any signs of poisoning, and Tanucci, Neapolitan Ambassador at Rome, entirely acquits the Jesuits, while F. Theiner, no friend to the company does the like.

On the other hand, Scipio de Ricci, bishop of Pistoia, nephew and heir of the unfortunate general, distinctly charges the Jesuits with the crime, as also does the Cardinal de Bernis; and the report by the Spanish Minister to the Court of Madrid, printed by the De Potter, in his "Vie and Memoires de Scipion de Ricci," Vol. III, p.p. 151-174, contains the noteworthy fact that the Pope's death was predicted before hand, notably in a statement made in the Vicar-General of Padua to the secretary of the congregation for Jesuit affairs, that several members of the company, believing him to be one of their friends, told him that the Pope would die before the end of September. (Encyclopedia Britannica, Vol. XIII, Art. Jesuit.)

THE POPE INFALLIBLE.

Let the death of the Pope be accounted for as best it may be, and let it be said that the Jesuit Order "needs no defence," the fact is that the Pope is dead, and that though dead, remains still infallible.

"We teach and define that it is a dogma divinely revealed; that the Roman Pontiff, when he speaks *ex cathedra*, that is, when in discharge of the office of pastor and doctor of all Christians, by virtue of his supreme apostolic authority, he defines a doctrine regarding faith or morals to be held by the universal church, by the divine assistance promised to him in blessed Peter, is possessed of that infallibility with which the Divine Redeemer willed that His church should be endowed for defining doctrine regarding faith or morals; and that therefore, such definitions of the Roman Pontiff are irreformable of themselves, and not from the consent of the church.

"But if any one—which may God avert—presume to contradict this our definition: LET HIM BE ANATHEMA.

"Given at Rome in public session solemnly held in the Vatican Basilica, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy, on the eighteenth day of July, in the 25th year of our Pontificate." (Quoted from Archbishop Manning: Petri Privilegium, London, 1871.

THE DEAD LECTURING THE LIVING.

The pope though "being dead yet speaketh," and speaketh with infallible authority. He does more than speak, nay he lec-

tures. Hear, then, a dead *infallible pope* giving a *lecture to a living Jesuit*:

ON LOYALTY.

Your loyalty! My rebellious son, after having suppressed you for ever, how comes it that you pose as a great patriot in Winnipeg when so many "clamors and complaints" have been raised about your disloyalty?

It was your continued opposition and disloyalty to sovereigns that forced me to suppress your Order, and you have placed yourself to-day in the awkward predicament of having to deny my infallibility, to get rid of the difficulty!!

ON OATH OF SECRECY.

Your oath of secrecy! You sneer at the idea of having such an oath. How can you?

Your constitutions are ratified by oath and your Order was "established by its sainted founder for the conversion of the heretics," and are you not bound, under oath, to obey your General, as God, and assume any mask, under word of command

ON SELF-DENIAL AND POVERTY.

Your self-denial and poverty! You now "brag and bluster" about your self-denial and poverty, and that you work for your "food and raiment" only!!!

Do you not hold a license not to observe the days of fasting, not to abstain from forbidden meats, and not to recite your prayers at the canonical hours; to advance or retard the reading of your breviary? and by your license you thus make life more easy. And one of the reasons, as given in my brief of July 21, 1773, for suppressing your Order in perpetuity, is it not, "Your seeking after the riches of this world with too much eagerness and avidity?" And everybody knows of your commercial transactions in Paraguay and the infamous bankruptcy of Father Lavellette. And what is all this fuss that I hear is going on in Canada? One who has just arrived in Paradise from that country, informs me that your Order in Quebec has offered their souls for sale to one of my Knights of St. Gregory for \$2,000,000, then for \$990,000, then for \$400,000 in addition to the Laprairie Common, to commemorate the event; then for \$50,000, to be got through a libel suit in the courts of Queen Victoria!

ON PARTIAL SUPPRESSION.

Your partial suppression! You speak, in a letter to the Free Press, of a partial suppression of your order.

What a misrepresentation! See where your rebellion lands you. Have I not said in my