

composed of the ablest and most distinguished scholars in the United States and Canada of eminent specialists in both Europe and Canada": the revision is claimed to be made with every "attention to accuracy on the part of 800 or more contributors"; the policy to be impartial in every way "has in no department been more rigorously observed than in that which relates to religious belief and Church polity." Yet, notwithstanding, all these boasts have been found empty and mendacious. What indeed could be expected, with one Catholic of note only, in that crowd of 800 shortsighted "experts," chosen too from every part of the globe—this disparity of representation being presumably due to the hopeless lack of intellectual attainments in Catholics. But test the vaunted claims of scholarship, accuracy and impartiality by means of such articles as the "Reformation," "Middle Ages," "Monachism," "Auricular Confession," "Education," "Indulgences," "Mariolatry," "Gunpowder Plot," "Philippines," etc., without going into questions of Scripture, Science and Philosophy. "Poisoning of Wells" becomes painfully evident. All the stock slanders and twistings of Catholic teachings which have long since been laughed to scorn by even Protestant scholars like Mallock and Starbuck are given the old place of honor in this Encyclopedia. To support misrepresentation and depreciation of Catholic doctrine, history, practice, non-Catholic authorities are quoted, standard Catholic works being either overlooked or explained away. "Nothing is forgotten, nothing is learned." The scholarly, accurate, impartial compilers are unaccountably ignorant of Catholic occurrences and personages of the day. Not a mention is made of such dignitaries as Cardinal Satolli Martinelli, of Archbishops Ryan, Elder, Feehan, Williams, of a host of other Catholic men and women notable in literature or in public life. Catholic colleges and similar well-known institutions are overlooked though the establishments of the denominations are set forth one by one. The Knights of Pythias and the smallest secret society are not forgotten, but we look in vain for the Knights of Columbus and similar associations among Catholics. The same partisan spirit has been charged home by the London *Tablet* in its issue of May 17th to the *Encyclopædia Britannica* in one