

Look at Him who suffered so much for mankind, and never pronounced a word of clamour or of curse.

Here I return to the illustrious rector of the University, who delivered the last speech. His words are deserving to be taken into consideration. First, I mark the famous words, "robbed,—spoiled." Those who have had the patience to follow me know well that the words "robbed" and "spoliation" imply an error or a lie, according as they are used in good or bad faith.

"His Holiness has resolved to search out of Italy centres of administration, whose security will be a guarantee, on account of the honesty of the government, under whose protection those centres shall be placed."

Good, sir, His Holiness can do what he likes; the Italian Government will never interfere with anything relative to the administration of the Catholic world, but allow me one simple observation on the words "under whose protection." It will be difficult, sir, to find in Europe governments whose laws will be more favourable to the religious congregations than the Italian. To enlighten the Canadian people, allow me to pass in review the different legislations of the various countries of Europe.

SPAIN.—Country of the purest Catholicism, and of the purest faith. Let us consider the Spanish law. The religious corporations, which were not abolished by the decree of the 18th October, 1868, can come in possession of estates, just as they can do in Italy; but, as in Italy, they are obliged to convert them into rent certificates,—as everyone could be convinced by perusing the various laws of the 1st March, 1855, 11th July, 1856, and 2nd