

ence and pride of intellect that causes Protestantism to be broken up into a thousand and one jarring denominations. The Jesuits are united because obedient, and consequently powerful, and if the solid Catholic vote exists, it is because of the people's obedience to the laws of God and of His Church.

I might venture to put a case of casuistry and ask Mr. Austin how he would decide it *in foro conscientiae*? Let us suppose two young ladies escaping from a ladies' college some bright morning, and, falling out of the window, to take the earliest train for the west; but the young men who were to meet them did not get there in time. Would the Principal of the college be justified in forging the names of the young gallants to a telegram in order to arrest the flight of the damsels? If Mr. Austin came to confession to me on that score I would absolve him, but warn him to be more careful in future, and to act like Loyola in enforcing strict, and, if necessary, blind obedience to rule and discipline. If he were arraigned before Judge Hughes, however, he might not get off quite so easily. Now, all the cases quoted by Escobar and Gury are of a similar nature, and are considered tried, not before judicial tribunals, but, *in foro conscientiae*.

Mr. Austin asks me to "find some work of standard authority among the Protestants that will justify crimes approved of by Jesuit teachers," and says "this he cannot do." It is true, we Catholics have enough on our hands to study our own authors without searching among Protestant writers for something to attack them about. Our Church rests on more solid foundations than lies or calumnies. Nor do we ever have recourse to falsification of Protestant tenets in order to prop up a tottering system. All I know about Methodist ethics or laws on morality is what I hear occasionally, viz.: "That a strict temperance man need practice no other virtue; that dancing is forbidden, but that osculatory games are a mark and a proof of innocence." I have often heard also and experienced that Methodists are considered perfect Christians—if they wear a long face on the Sabbath—even although they should cheat their neighbors and have the best of a bargain every other day of the week. That is about all I have heard of Protestant moral theology; nor do I care to inquire any further. Suarez, Bellarmine, St. Augustine, Bossuet, Fenelon, Bourdaloue, Faber, Manning, Newman, etc., etc., all grand Catholic authors, ought to suffice without any Methodist sideshows. A new feature is introduced as a point scored against the Mowat Government, viz.: "The Roman Catholics succeed in getting the lion's share of legis-