

THAT MEXICAN CREMATION OF HERETICS.

From the Southern Messenger (Texas). Some weeks ago the startling news was flashed over the country and even into Canada, that in a certain Mexican village the Catholics had imprisoned ten heretics, six men, three women, and one child, set fire to the jail, and danced around the victims as these were being cremated.

In the interest of truth and in defence of our Holy Religion I sought to find out the facts relating to the burning of several heretics by Catholics in a Mexican village. I, therefore, wrote to a venerable Priest in the City of Mexico, and requested him to furnish me with such details as would place the whole matter in its true light.

I give the two communications in this connection. The letter from the Pastor of Pachuca is a translation from the Spanish, the original of which I hold.

C. J. SMITH, O. M. I., Rector St. Mary's Church, San Antonio, Texas.

MEXICO, Dec. 8th, 1895.

Rev. and Dear Father: This past week, as I was writing to ask a favor of you, I received your welcome letter and instead of finishing my request, I wrote to the Parish Priest of Pachuca, telling him all you said and asking him to give a true account of all that had taken place there, so that it could be published in the papers.

Your devoted servant in Christ, MIGUEL RUBI.

To Rev. C. J. Smith, O. M. I., San Antonio, Texas.

Very Rev. Miguel Rubi: The very grateful letter, with which you have honored me, is at hand and I hasten to answer you at once, as is my duty and a pleasant one at that.

Respecting the subject spoken of, I must inform your Reverence that there is nothing in it, and nothing has taken place, concerning either the judge of Pachuca, or acts of cremation of any kind; and we enjoy peace to such an extent that the faithful and I have, so to speak, forgotten that there are any Protestants in the city.

At the opening of the Hospital of the Conference, the Protestants of the city distributed some pamphlets entitled "La Religion por dinero," or "Religion for money," which pamphlets I ordered to be burned, and all laughed at the matter, treating their act as insipid.

Afterwards I commenced work on the Church and chapel for the purpose of decorating them, and that, precisely when they were about to finish their school building which is almost directly opposite the Church; and as they noticed the chapel, in which divine service is to be held, had been completed and please God, will be blessed the 12th inst.—the devil was let loose.

This is the case, such as it is; beyond this there is absolutely nothing, all is calumny, the enemy has simply had a little feast. Let us give thanks to God for His benefits. Do as you deem best with regard to this letter.

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