

were simply made the pretext by the able but unprincipled Luther for the onburst of the storm that was to devastate Europe and break up the spiritual unity of Christendom." *P. 62, 63.*

Concerning the massacre of St. Bartholomew's Day, the author says:

"As to the solemn *Te Deum* sung at Rome by order of Pope Gregory XIII., it was done under the impression that the massacre was begun on the part of the Calvinists, that the King's party acted in self-defence, and that the affair grew out of an unsuccessful conspiracy against the French government and the Catholic church. This *Te Deum* belonged to the same category as the one sung shortly before for the victory gained at Lepanto over the Turks." *P. 106, 107.*

Of Alva's mission to the Netherlands, the author says:

"The King of Spain resolved to wreak signal vengeance on the 'Beggars' [the Protestant confederates of Breda]. His most experienced general, Alvarez of Toledo, Duke of Alva, entered the Netherlands at the head of twenty thousand men and pursued the rebels with extreme severity. It is asserted that out of hatred to the new governor nearly one hundred thousand of the inhabitants went voluntarily into exile." *P. 119.*

The dominant purpose of these text-books is to exalt and glorify the Roman Catholic church, and to this end the truth of history and the moral lessons which history is meant to convey, are shamelessly sacrificed. Nor is this the worst result of such dishonest teaching. Those who are taught are wronged in the deepest way, by having essential falsehood incorporated with all their thinking upon human experience and human destiny. At best history is imperfect, but, as the record of human experience sincerely set forth, it is the wisest teacher of each genera-