

their religious belief and the sincerity of their character.

As I stood some years ago in the aisle of the largest catholic church in Frankfort on-the-Main and heard the grand chorus of thousands of voices in thunder tones singing out appropriate hymns at Mass, with voices earnest, strong and fearless, with an emphasis that told of manly faith and Christian self-reliance, I felt that I was among the sons of soldiers who had fought for the Catholic cause under Wallenstein and Tilly during the thirty year's war against northern Protestantism and the perfidy of Kings of France ; and I could well understand the victory of the *Centrum-partei* in the Reichstag, sustained as they were by such earnest Catholics in the empire. This earnestness and zeal the German Catholic emigrants have brought with them to this country. Your society and your efforts are the fruits of them. Wherever the German Catholic goes he founds a parochial school and in fact there is hardly a German Catholic parish in the United States which has not a parochial school in which Church music is taught. Zeal for the school is accompanied by zeal for the splendor of the Church's liturgy. Nothing conduces more to this end than religious chant.