

Between the three inner circles of jurisdiction—Rector of College, Provincial, General—the connexion is illustrated by two curious pieces. Of these, the first consists of charges against La Quintinye, preferred under fourteen heads, and the second of his replies *seriatim*. These charges had been secretly laid before the Provincial, who does not give any names of accusers. They allege errors in doctrine tending to Rigorism. The replies protest that the opinions of La Quintinye are distorted; that his true ones are those of the Scriptures, the Fathers, and the Popes,—he scorns the accusers who dare not meet him face to face, or even to put in writing any false doctrine of his heard from his lips or found in his writings; all they dare even behind backs to say is, that they conjecture that he holds such and such errors.

Father La Quintinye, having already carried his complaint from his Rector and Provincial to the General, next proceeded to carry it from the General to the Pontiff. In the first case, his action represented only the conflict as carried on within the Company of Loyola itself; in the second case, it represented the conflict as carried on between that Company and the general body of the Romish Church. In the fifth of our documents, addressing himself to Innocent XI., La Quintinye says, "Most blessed Father, concerning the wretched state at present of our Society, in which I have passed more than thirty years of my life, I have to lay before Your Holiness several matters of great weight and moment, whereof Your Holiness, peradventure, may not be informed. . . . I come a suppliant to the common parent of the entire Church to notify him of the condition of our affairs, in order that, of his singular charity and prudence, he may take measures against such evils; for assuredly adequate measures against them had ere now been taken if our chiefs, who daily commend to others obedience, did not, with sundry arts, decline to yield obedience to the decrees of the holy and apostolical See."¹

¹ It may be well to give the original of this passage, as it illustrates peculiar relations which at times arise between the Pope and his subordinate authorities—relations of which an example has of late occurred in Ireland, and that, too, on a question of morals :—*Quapropter ad communem totius ecclesiae parentem supplex*