

Leo XIII. and the other a counterfeit pastoral of the Archbishop of Santiago. It is not an enviable position for this "outstanding figure in the religious world," nor for his London sponsor. Canon Tucker now unblushingly admits that the documents were forgeries, but declares that Dr. Speer used them "in all good faith, thinking they were genuine." To be sure! Such is the defence of every slander-hawker when he is found out. But the point to be kept in mind is that Speer was found out, and that he did not announce the discovery himself. The whole correspondence was published by the Rev. Father Martin, of Cleveland, who, after following Speer relentlessly for more than two years, finally forced him to admit that the documents in question were forgeries. With a delicate consideration for the forger, Speer did not disclose his name: "At his request I keep his name secret." He even went the length of intensifying his offense and further stultifying himself, by offering the testimony of the undisclosed forger in a final effort to substantiate his calumnies. "The author of the letter" (that is the forger), "claims that the statements are all true, even to-day." It is impossible to fittingly qualify such conduct.

And such are Canon Tucker's authorities! Oh! Geordie, jingling Geordie, it is grand to hear "spurious" Blakeney laying down the guilt of Catholic idolatry, and "good faith" Speer lecturing on the turpitude of South Americans, and all the while Canon Tucker waves his hat from the wings.

Canon Tucker declares that I have admitted that "there is such a book as the Psalter of the Virgin." That assertion, like so many others of Canon Tucker, is at direct variance with the facts. I have not at any time either admitted or denied the existence of "the Psalter of the Virgin." I know nothing of it; I have never seen it; I have failed in my search for it. It may exist. It may have been written by Titus Oates, or Dr. Blakeney, or Maria Monk, or the Rev. Robt. E. Speer, or Horatio Hocken, or Canon Tucker. But, used as it has been by the rector of St. Paul's Cathedral, it is "spurious." And that is a somewhat damaging fact.

But I have come across a Psalter that has aroused my curiosity. It is to be found in Canon Tucker's own "Book of Common Prayer," in a service appointed in the Church of England for June 20, the anniversary of the accession of the late Queen Victoria. In that service the name of the Queen is substituted in more than half a dozen psalms. Thus it would seem that what is quite appropriate in the case of the