

of Christian faith and morals in a corrupt age, said : "Pascal after all is only a calumniator ; he has bequeathed to us an immortal lie."

To this liar and calumniator is Mr. Austin indebted for all his knowledge of the morality of the teachings of Jesuit Fathers, who lived in the South of France and Spain in the days of Elizabeth, Mary and James I.

Mr. Austin cannot for the life of him, innocent man, see how the manners, customs and laws can be different now, here in Canada, from what was the accepted rule in those days, either in England or France. But *tempora mutantur*, the times change, and so do laws and customs. Even with these changes, and notwithstanding the alterations in the passages, scarcely one case has been quoted from Escobar which is not open to dispute, and which, in the hands of an able lawyer, would not find favor in the eyes of a competent judge. For instance: Usury is condemned by Escobar as a great sin. But supposing I have \$500 invested in the bronze or any other manufactory, which brings me twenty per cent. profit, and Mr. Austin comes to me for a loan of \$500, I tell him my circumstances, and he says, "Oh, that's all right ; I am going to make thirty per cent. on a purchase of real estate ; you must get twenty per cent." Why should I lose fourteen per cent. to accommodate Mr. Austin? This is what Mr. Austin styles usury, and similar cases he calls usury, lying perjury, but every case quoted by Pascal is altered and distorted in such a manner as to change the whole nature of the subject matter in contention. As Mr. Austin does not tell the name of the treatise in Gury, which he, or the man who is writing for him, criticises, I cannot say exactly whether he is making alterations or not. Gury's Moral Theology is written in Latin, and should be given in the original, or the chapter and page should be indicated. But Mr. Austin does nothing of this kind. He makes Gury say what he likes, or rather what the man likes who has found out those cases as mare's nests, for the delectation of the enemies of the Jesuit Fathers. Even the cases cited so triumphantly against Gury are open to judicial investigation. The public should understand here it is a question of the internal court, or what is termed *in foro conscientie*. For instance, one of those cases given by Mr. Austin. If John, who is clerk in a store, bought a suit of clothes from his employer and paid for them, but got no receipt ; if he is sued before the court and condemned to pay a second time ; if afterwards he comes to me in confession and tells me that, smarting under the injustice, he privately abstracted enough to indemnify himself, am