

by Mr. Austin, prove him to be an arrant scoundrel and a vile calumniator. For instance, Mr. Austin quotes from him, saying that "The Jesuits are a public plague, the plague of the world. . . from the Jesuit colleges there is never sent forth a son obedient to his father, devoted to his country, loyal to his prince." Any Christian minister, with a spark of human feeling in his soul, would treat with contempt such atrocious charges, unaccompanied by one word of proof, against any body of teachers, not to say of religious men. Were I, or any one else, to make similar charges against Alma College, were I to say that no young lady ever left that college without—well, without having learned to chew gum and smoke cigarettes, how would Mr. Austin feel about it? And does he fancy the Jesuits are void of feeling, that they cannot feel hurt and wounded by such vile, calumnious and deep-cutting charges, heaped right and left upon them with devilish malice and Satanic hate? Has Mr. Austin any fear of God's judgments, pronounced against those who are guilty of detraction and calumny? Quoting detractors is endorsing detraction. A preacher of the Gospel should remember the words of Holy Writ: "My Son . . . have nothing to do with detractors, for their destruction shall rise suddenly, and who knoweth the ruin of both?" (Prov. xxiv, 21.) Surely Mr. Austin's eyes must have fallen sometime upon the text, "Six things there are which the Lord hateth, and the seventh, His soul detesteth. Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, . . . a deceitful witness that uttereth lies, and him that soweth discord among brethren" (Prov. vi., 16); and again, in the same holy book (xix, 5): "A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall not escape."

To show to a demonstration how false are the charges of Pietro Sarpi, endorsed by Mr. Austin, viz., that "from the Jesuit colleges there never is sent forth a son obedient to his father, devoted to his country, loyal to his prince," it may suffice to state that most of our prominent men in Quebec and the lower provinces received their education at the Jesuit College in Montreal. And will Mr. Austin dare to maintain that not one of those is obedient to his father, devoted to his country or loyal to his prince? Is not falsehood stamped on the very face of the indictment? Again, Georgetown University in Washington was founded in February, 1789, by the Jesuit Father Carroll, brother of Carroll of Carrollton. Its inauguration was honored by the presence of George Washington. Its centennial celebration was graced last February by the presence of Cardinal Gibbons, who entered the hall of reception leaning on the arm of President Cleveland. The