

esy, judgement and good taste at the Toronto banquet to Mgr. Falconio in toasting the Pope before the King. Precedent and common sense as was shown in an article signed—A Roman Catholic, could hardly, it would seem to an excessive loyalty, justify the procedure. This too, after the ostensibly extreme solicitude previously shown regarding the Delegate's supposed disfavor at the Vatican. Nor can the charge of "inoffensive somnolence" be justly affixed on other matters of church polity. One morning we are told in a pithy "scare" headline that a Philippine priest had revealed the secrets of confession. When valuable space is given on the front page to an item of this startling nature, naturally we look for "accuracy" in details. The headline in this case was presumably the editor's; the item was an Associated Press despatch, referring, not to a fact but to a mere accusation made by parishioners through pique as result of a pulpit utterance. It was a relief to find that things, after all, were not so bad. This identical charge of violating the seal of confession has been made a thousand times already and as often triumphantly disproved. Still who is responsible for the false impression that results? The editor in this case—clever paragraphist that he is—was aware, doubtless, of the force of his statements; and he is not to be placed in the list of those persons who hold no other ideas save what they pick up from the last paper they read—who don't know a lie if not labelled. Another sample of the same goods was the "Friars" Organ Libel." The only connection the Friars seemed to have with the paper in in question was by way of censorship. Now an ecclesiastical censor in Spanish legislation plays about the same role with regard to publications as license inspectors do, in this country, to the liquor traffic. The victims of the libel seems to be the Friars. However since the timely protest of a Roman Catholic there has been a diminution of "unworthy cattle-fish tactics of squirting ink about trifles to obscure the main-facts and confuse the public mind regarding the truth of the statements made."

The Catholic part of the community has, and does still, suffer untold damage in the mind of the public by the habitually careless and