

The Order well knew that Gonzalez was a zealous opponent of the new morality. While still only a professor at Salamanca, he had written a book which the company refused him license to print. This, thought Padre Ortiz, is the same book, and lo, he is printing it without license! Ortiz himself had been one of the Revisers of the Society. So, under pretext of observing in Rome the festival of the Jesuit saint, Francesco Borgia, Ortiz took his way from Frascati, down the Alban Hills, and across the Campagna. Arrived in the eternal city he made for the Collegio Romano, now an extinct volcano, where, since the days of Minister Bonghi, the stranger finds the nucleus of a national Italian home of letters, under the name of the *Biblioteca Vittorio Emanuele*. Padre Ortiz, however, found there the home of the Black Pope and his staff, and of the pretorians of Loyola's force. Knowing how unfavourable to the book in question were the Censors of the Company, he engaged fathers of great weight to remonstrate with the General on his intentions. Personally he adjured him to desist from publication. It could do no good either to the public or to himself, and would do much harm to both, especially to the General. In all countries he would have against him the whole Company. If, indeed, he had the work printed under the name of some one else the evil would be less, but as General he could not issue it without raising a storm. Above all he must take time. "I am not making haste," said General Gonzalez; "for twenty years I have pondered over it. Here is the book," he added, opening a drawer. "There it is, all right," replied Ortiz, "as long as it is nowhere else." The "Assistants" of the General added their urgent protests to those of Padre Ortiz; but Gonzalez "set his book before everything," to use the words of our authority.<sup>1</sup>

The fact is that both he and the Pope had spoken of his election as a special act of Providence, to give a check to Probabilism in the Society. But there was now a new Pope, and the "Assistants" being all five of one mind, were not to be appeased. Just as La Quintinye, on the one side, had

<sup>1</sup> See vol. ii. p. 45. An Italian document entitled *Fatto nel accuso del Libro d'Antonio Cella Dei*, etc., probably drawn up by Ortiz.

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