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her mind, and the old love die harder in her heart? Perhaps she entertains the thought that the lawyer should have shared...

It was Paul I was thinking of, for I knew he was in love with Frances; and he's such a beautiful creature, an 'it' every thing that the lawyer should have shared...

whelmed by love and devotion, sank down on his knees at the foot of the manger, and, weeping and praying with joy and ecstacy, spent the whole night in contemplation beside the rude representation which was the work of his own patient hands.

AT THE CRIB OF ASSISI.

MARIE DOUGLAS WALSH IN THE CATHOLIC WORLD MAGAZINE.

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After the Spaniards had conquered Mexico and Peru, Las Casas, the Dominican, the Inquisition, the Mexican prelates, and the Pope, compelled them to give over their bragging of their works of violence and rapacity as having been done for the glory of God. They were taught to be humble, and to own that the work of destruction had been wrought by them, and the work of redemption by very different men.

I wonder if we could not borrow the Dominicans' long enough (if they keep the old spirit) to cure us of our such talk, nor by the men that use it, that either religion, justice, sound government, or any good is built up. If we have no cogent remedies, God perhaps will take the matter in hand. He only waited thirteen years after 1818 to visit our deeds fearfully on our heads. I am far from thinking of the Spanish as of the Mexican war. Yet there is an ungodly ungodliness in it that may need a Divine surgery.

Charles C Starbuck. Andover, Mass. A Mother's Secret. The choral host had closed the Angel's strain. Sung to the listening watch on Bethlehem's plain.

So far from there being any real zeal for the conversion of the natives, he maintains, among the laity, he knows of large regions, some not far from Mexico itself, which had actually been supplied with idols at high prices, by Spanish functionaries and soldiers. He mentions a region in Yucatan where Spanish soldiers, living there for years, left the natives absolutely ignorant of the name of God.

When, then, the missionaries came in and began to win converts, the soldiers set on foot a conspiracy and drove them out. "Many are called, but few are chosen." Interpret "few" as liberally as we will, says Cardinal Newman, we can not possibly make it out to mean "the greater part." In no Christian country, Catholic or Protestant, are half the people, or anywhere near half, deeply concerned for advancing the kingdom of God, in their own hearts or in the world.

My opinion about our Spanish war is of small account in itself, yet it seems necessary here to indicate it. I would say, therefore, that I have sympathized with the Catholic Tablet and the Protestant Independent in favoring it rather than even with my excellent Christian friends of the Morning Star, who seem to have disliked it. I must also own my decided desire to keep the Philippines, including Ladrones and Carolines. It must be acknowledged, however, that some of our Protestant ministers seem to bring up to our minds Lowell's sarcasms of 1848 concerning our "neighbor Nabobs whose wallowings in papistical mire excite our horror in exact proportion to the size and desirableness of their vineyards."

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Sacred Heart Review. PROTESTANT CONTROVERSY.

We have thus seen that Alexander VI. disclaimed authority to give away the Indian territories; that the Fifth Lateran Council and Leo X. took pains to emphasize the truth that the Catholic Church has no jurisdiction over the unbaptized; and that in 1537 Paul III. denounced excommunication against all who should infringe upon Indian rights. We have seen how the manner in which Ferdinand's captives interpreted Alexander's bull of donation is contradicted alike by Alexander himself, by Leo X., and by Paul III.

Was there no theological authority on the other side? I am sorry to say that there was. I am sorry to say that one school of the Franciscans supported this thesis. While it is not lawful to compel unbelievers to be baptized, it is lawful to enslave and despoil them in order to make them more willing to accept the faith.

It must not be supposed, however, that this monstrous proposition was maintained by the Minorities as a body. It was impossible that the sons of St. Francis, in a mass, could go so far from his spirit. I have found no certain proof that this odious thesis was defended outside of Spain, and even there it was supported only by one Franciscan school. It was the Franciscan "Kinsmen" who gave to Las Casas his title of Protector of the Indians.

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Rhyme of the Still Hunters.

(A Ballad of Far-Connacht). It was the Gauger Regan Bule That pensive came to bask...

The word your pride forever would hide I'll speak for you and me

"Oh, never again by heath and glen (God pay thee, Diarmid Roe) Were a whiskey still on every hill...

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