THE PROPAGANDA QUESTION

AS VIEWED BY ONE OF THE ALUMNI.

ORIGIN OF THE INSTITUTION—THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT'S DEALINGS WITH IT.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

SIR: Permit me to reply to your correspondent "Italus," who, in a letter which appeared in THE TRIBUNE of June 14, while professing to form his opinion from official documents concerning the action of the Italian Government in reference to the Propaganda, in reality accepted and almost made a transcript of Mancini's special pleading before the Parliament in reply to the interpellation of the Deputies Odescalchi and Soscanelli. If "Italus" had wished to form a fair opinion, he should not have omitted to seek for the crushing reply made on May 10, 1884, officially, by the Propaganda in the *Osservatore Romano* to Mancini's misstatements.

The idea of the College and Congregation of the Propaganda was suggested about 1623 to Pope Gregory XV. by Mgr. John Baptist Vives, of Valencia, in Spain. This highly distinguished ecclesiastic was the Minister Resident in Rome of Isabella Clara Eugenia, Infanta of Spain and Governess of Flanders. To Gregory XV.'s successor, Urban VIII., he, in 1627, gave his own residence for the use of the Congregation and College. This is still occupied by both. The Piazza di Spagna, in which it is situated, reminds us of the part which this Spaniard, representative of a Spanish Princess, had in establishing this great institution that belongs to the Catholic world. He added to the gift of his palace 103 bank shares (bought di monti) and other stocks, bringing a revenue of about 700 scudi d'oro (gold dollars) for the maintenance of the students. At his death he left enough to establish ten more bursas for students of the college. Cardinal Nicholas Spinola, a Spaniard, who died in the beginning of the eighteenth century, gave 90,000 scudi d'oro. A Milanese, Cardinal Adda, left 100,000 scudi d'oro. By law of Gregory XV. every Cardinal had to give 500 scudi d'oro to this congregation for his Cardinalitial ring, which was changed by Pius VII. to 600 scudi d'argento (silver dollars). Alexander VII. transferred to the Propaganda funds left by Vittorio Scabac, a Maronite, for the education of Maronite students. These funds when sold realized at the time 6,200 scudi d'oro. There were six bursas established by an Irish ecclesiastic, Doyle, for students for the diocese of Dublin, and a number of bursas for foreign missions were established by Helsen, a distinguished ecclesiastic of Belgium. Cardinal York left the greatest part of his fortune to the Propaganda. These, with many other gifts of foreigners that could be added, show how flippantly Mancini spoke when calling the Propaganda an Italian institution. The Italian donors, who were chiefly the Cardinal Prefects of the Congregation, left their personal estates for the grand purposes of helping the Popes to spread the Gospel in missionary countries, who have the right as the intended beneficiaries of the trust to protest against being defrauded of the benefits. Thus Cardinal Barberini, about 1630, gave funds for thirty-one bursas for missionaries for Asia and Africa.

It is certainly shocking that the Italian Government should make an *ex post facto* law against this Congregation, whose assets were trust funds, of which the capital, no less than the interest, was left by gift and wills for a specific purpose entirely outside of the jurisdiction of the Italian Government.

In answer to your correspondent allow me to point out some of the subterfuges which he has adopted from Mancini's statement:

1. He endeavors to make the Propaganda itself responsible for the conversion of the real estate, because, forsooth, it "cited on August 6, 1874, the Giunta or Commission charged with liquidating ecclesiastical property." The Congregation sought to enjoin the Commission from selling its property; therefore, it is responsible for its sale. Victor Emmanuel interfered to prevent the court from proceeding, lest it should decide against the Propaganda. Mancini says that he never heard of Victor Emmanuel's interference, but the Propaganda knows it and asserts it. After his death the Giunta began to take steps in 1880 against the Propaganda property, and the Propaganda had again to take legal proceedings to enjoin the sale. And your correspondent, with Mancini, argues that therefore this conversion, "but the legitimate and proper result of the judicial proceeding thus initiated by the Propaganda," has now been brought to the irrevocable decision of the Court of Cassation.

2. Your correspondent says that this sentence of the Court of Cassation is based upon laws of the Italian Kingdom of 1866 and 1867 (before Rome was annexed) and applied to the Roman Province in 1873. The least that the Italian Government could do, after entering violently into Rome, was to respect the rights of property. If the laws had been made for the future regulation of property, there would have been some show of legality. What an outcry there would be if Trinity Church were compelled, after holding it for a hundred years, to convert its property into State or city bonds, which the State or city would hold, only allowing the interest to the Church corporation.

3. The Giunta or Commission was under the control of the executive department of the Government. It actually sold the villa at which the Propaganda students passed the summer vacation. How can the Italian Government escape the responsibility of the Commission's act? Your correspondent is mistaken in saying that the proceedings were again taken up by the Congregation itself, for the Propaganda, answering Mancini, to refute this precise assertion, appealed to the records to show that the new act was initiated by the Royal Commissioner. The sale of the Propaganda property was almost entirely completed, while the right to sell was still in litigation. Public opinion denounced this iniquity so as to compel a suspension of the proceedings for a time.

4. Are these the proofs upon which your correspondent relies to show that no hostility was shown by the Government toward the institution of the Propaganda? Mancini, in his Machiavellian way, does not hesitate to use honeyed words of praise of its civilizing influence, while in act throwing every obstacle in the way of the spiritual authority of the Holy See.

5. As the Propaganda reasonably complains, it cannot enlarge the boundaries of its college, nor obtain a new building for its splendid printing office, nor a suitable enlargement of its museum hall, because it is prevented from owning any real property but the one building, much too small for its purposes, in the Piazza di Spagna, nor is it authorized to own a summer residence for its students. Yet your correspondent writes: "The proceeds of the sale of the property thus alienated and invested as above stated belong exclusively and wholly to and are placed exclusively and wholly at the disposition of the Congregation without any limitation whatever." One application made by the Propaganda for 200,000 lire ($40,000) on December 30, 1876, to meet a necessary demand, was met with two refusals from the Government and granted at last in three partial payments on June 27 and December 21, 1878, and March 27, 1879, with a curt rebuke for having made the application necessary. Your correspondent is mistaken in thinking that the tax for the conversion of the property was not levied upon the Propaganda property; for the Propaganda complains that not only were the treasury and provincial and communal taxes for the conversion levied and retained, but also an extra 5 per cent added and retained because now the property was movable—made so by the unjust act of the Giunta.

6. Your correspondent says that "in most countries of the civilized world it has been and is the declared and firm policy to prevent the unlimited acquisition of real estate by religious or ecclesiastical corporations." What a difference between this principle and the practice of the Italian Government, which would allow the Propaganda to retain but the one building, confessedly too small for its purposes. It cannot even own a summer residence for its students. The American College, because held in the name of the Propaganda, would have been sold except for the interference of the United States Government.

7. Your correspondent, adopting Mancini's statement, alleges a fact disgraceful to the Italian Government to prove the facility of the Propaganda to dispose of its funds, viz., the latest application of Mgr. Jacobini in September, 1883, "of which," he says, "the result was the alienation of 900,000 lire of its funds." The Propaganda had received certain legacies, with the condition of paying a certain annuity to some ecclesiastical corporations which were suppressed after 1870 by the Italian Government, which, however, claimed and insisted upon receiving and disposing of the annuities from the Propaganda. The Italian Government advertised these annuities for sale. Rather than be subjected to the humiliation of paying to Jewish would-be purchasers of these annuities the moneys that had been intended by the devisor for Christian religious purposes, the Propaganda preferred to remit the whole capital to the Government. This was the object of the application mentioned, which this time was readily granted. And yet your correspondent says that the Italian Treasury did not derive the slightest pecuniary benefit from the conversion of the Propaganda property.

These facts, in answer to your correspondent's adoption of Mancini's subterfuges, show that words of praise and commendation of the great Congregation of the Propaganda have been accompanied by foul deeds of injustice, for which the Italian Government is fully responsible. While the Holy See or the Propaganda never appealed to the Law of Guarantees, lest the usurpation of the Italian Government might seem to be accepted as an accomplished fact, it was the duty of the Italian Government to take special care not to interfere with the Sacred Congregation of the Propaganda, whose work is so completely identified with the purely spiritual authority of the Pope. Undoubtedly, by its rude interference and unjust acts, the Italian Government has given a new proof of the incompatibility of its existence in Rome with the spiritual independence of the Holy See, which it is the interest of all civilized nations, Catholic and Protestant, to have clearly and completely secured.

R. L. BURTSELL, Alumnus of the Propaganda.

Rectory of the Church of Epiphany, New-York, June 24, 1884.

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Park Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, corner of 86th-st., the Rev. A. J. PALMER, Pastor.—Communion will be administered at 10:30 a. m. by the Rev. A. M. PALMER. Preaching at 7:45 p. m. by the Rev. OSCAR HAVILAND.

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Religious Notices.

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Twenty-third Street Baptist Church, corner Lexington ave.—Preaching by the Rev. J. W. PUTNAM, of Cortland, N. Y., at 10:30 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Sabbath-school 2:30 p. m. Young People's Meeting Monday, 8 p. m. Prayer-meeting, Wednesday, 8 p. m. All are invited.

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