

immense lakes or oceans, and he can tell you, almost to the gallon, how much water they contain. Let them clean their lenses; let them forget all else, but that they are men, who are expected to have nerve and character enough to tell the truth impartially, manfully and in a straightforward manner. In order that they may do this, let them study their subject before writing on it, and let them use the proper, truthful and authentic sources, and not be like an idiot, who leads his horse into a millinery store to have it shod. Let them think, that they do not know it all, that there is still something for them to learn, and that their yellow intellectual X-rays are not the only thing which are enlightening the race of Adam. Let them lock up their fenced-in sanctums of science and wisdom in the knowledge-puffed East, and if they are writing on Western subjects, let them come "Out West," or, at least, consult the papers and pamphlets, the records and reports, etc., of men who have been there, and who have spent years there, not like butterflies hovering from blossom to blossom, but who, like bees, have gone into things, have investigated, studied, and made researches among the old documents and memorials; men who were real scientists, and who lived and labored for truth and science. Volumes of New Mexico history has been blotted out, it is true; but by whom? By the Franciscan and Dominican fanatics? No, by the American soldiers, who sold bundles of rare old valuable documents at Santa Fe for the price of waste paper or old rags, and burned armsful of them on the plaza of Santa Fe.

But men who are capable of delivering themselves of such rank rot, would not hesitate to accuse the Almighty Himself of vandalism for throwing down and breaking Dagon, the idol of the Philistines; or to brand Daniel a bigot for destroying Baal of the Babylonians; or to stigmatize St. Paul a fanatic, for burning the books of magic at Ephesus. Yet this is just exactly what the Spanish Padres did in Old and New Mexico. By such means they proved to the Pagans, that