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WITH SUPERIOR'S PERMISSION.

The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.
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PREAMBLE TO THE THIRD EDITION.

YOU will find the present edition much improved. Though the two former editions were as free from orthographical errors as could be reasonably expected, yet those found in them have now been carefully corrected. Moreover, some interesting additions have been made in the present volume. Melanie's genuine letter to her mother has been since discovered in, and translated from, the Complete Collection of Prophecies, *Recueil complet des Prophetiques*, printed in Lyons, France, 1870. An entirely new chapter has been also taken from the same book, which forms now Chapter XIV. in the Second Part of this work, having relation to some future Popes. A biographical sketch of that wonderful living servant of God, Palma Maria of Oria, has likewise been culled from *Les Stigmatisees*, of the pious and learned medical doctor, A. Imbert-Gourbeyere, published this year in Paris. Several other improvements have been inserted, which will, it is hoped, be appreciated by all well-disposed readers.

As some objection has been made by a few critics to the publication of this book without a formal approbation of ecclesiastical authority, the humble compiler begs to be permitted to say a few words upon this subject. This approbation is very desirable. But is it often asked and obtained before publishing Catholic books in America? Moreover, ecclesiastical authority, as a *general rule*, does not expressly and formally approve the publication of books of prophetical previsions attributed to particular saints and servants of

God. We have read many books of this kind, and we have seen only one with such approbation, namely, the large work of the Abbé Coricque. In fact, this compilation in "The Christian Trumpet" has been made from five or six different works, specified in this edition, none of which bear any approbation, sanction, or permission of any kind from ecclesiastical authority.

The principal portion of the present collection of prophecies has been selected among the best authenticated from an Italian book with this title, *I Futuri Destini degli Stati e delle Nazioni*, etc. (The Future Destiny or Fate of Kingdoms and Nations). We have used the sixth edition, published in Turin, 1864. That volume has been forwarded to us by a priest in Rome, where it is well known, much valued, and perused with eagerness by lay and ecclesiastical persons of every degree. Prelates, bishops, and cardinals read it. It is well known that some of those prophecies are carefully preserved in the Vatican. Hence this book cannot be unknown to the Supreme Pontiff. Yet it has never received any formal approbation or express permission of ecclesiastical authority in Italy. The other works used by us in our compilation were published in France without any episcopal or other ecclesiastical sanction.

The reasons are very obvious. Some prophetic provisions and predictions, not opposed to faith and morality, and which contain wholesome matter for edification, may possess sufficient motives for human credibility for the Christian reader, but lack that moral certainty that may deserve the honor of a formal ecclesiastical sanction. In these not unfrequent circumstances, ecclesiastical authority is wisely silent, but prudently watchful.

But there are more solid and stronger reasons why a formal approbation is withheld by ecclesiastical authority from a collection of prophecies, those especially of a more recent date. The Church is ever wisely silent in relation to prophecies made by actually living servants of God, how great soever their virtue and holiness of life may be. The prophetic provisions and predictions of that wonderful

widow, Palma Maria of Oria, mentioned in the twelfth chapter, Part I. of this book, belong to this category.

When, however, the supposed prophetic seers, or servants of God, endowed with prophetic spirit, have been canonized or at least beatified, then the Catholic Church follows the rule mentioned by Pope Benedict XIV., which we have quoted in the Preface of this book, and to which we protest to faithfully adhere.

Moreover, in "The Christian Trumpet" there are many other predictions supposed to have been made by eminent servants of God whose process of beatification has already been or is being introduced in Rome. Such is, for instance, the case with the Venerable Anna Maria Taigi, Venerable Abbé Viannay, Curé d'Ars, Venerable Elizabeth Mora, Sister Rose Columba of Taggia, etc. Now, in these circumstances, our wise and prudent ecclesiastical superiors will never attempt to forestall the impending solemn judgment of the holy and infallible Roman See by their formal approbation of the prophetic previsions and predictions of these servants of God. Hence, those who clamor for such approbation show more zeal than true wisdom, and evidently fall into the fault which they presume to censure in Pellegrino.

For the satisfaction, however, of the kind and fast-increasing number of readers of "The Christian Trumpet," we feel bound to state that we have asked the advice and permission that we could, in our circumstances, hope and wish to obtain. Before its publication we had the manuscript examined and revised by competent priests, some of whom, learned professors of philosophy, history, and theology, approved and praised it. We likewise asked and obtained the *oral permission* for its publication of our respected ecclesiastical superiors. This answer is intended to apply to the different prophecies of saints and servants of God contained in our book. We can, moreover, add, that the compiler has faithfully given all the proofs for their respective authenticity that we could find in the works used in our compilation. Any careful and intelligent reader who can and will take the trouble of comparing "The Christian Trumpet" with those

volumes, will find in it more numerous authorities collected from other sources, and much more interesting reading matter, than can be found in any other single book of the same kind that we have used.

Since its publication, three months ago, this volume has been read by many zealous and learned priests and religious, and by several personages very high in the ecclesiastical hierarchy. We cannot flatter ourselves that they can have found this our humble work perfect in everything. But so far we are not aware that any serious fault has been discovered in it by those in whose enlightened and impartial judgment we can rely, and whose authority we can and ought to respect. On the contrary, we have the gratification to know that many of them have in various ways been kind and indulgent enough to express a favorable opinion of its merits. We could mention the names of learned and pious ecclesiastics, and some honored pastors of large Catholic congregations, who after careful perusal have privately and publicly recommended, and intend to recommend, the attentive perusal of this new book. To our certain personal knowledge, the serious perusal of "The Christian Trumpet" has produced a deep and salutary impression on the mind and heart of numerous individuals, and in many secular and religious families, many members of which have through it been moved to renewed fervor of spirit, and have been happily excited to more than usual prayer for the welfare of the Church and of a sinful world.

If these salutary effects have, as they have indeed, been produced in less than three months since the appearance of its first edition, we have every reason for hoping that much more good will be effected in future years, when the number of pious readers will be increased a hundred-fold.

We have, after much hesitation, been reluctantly compelled to write this kind of apology by the hasty strictures of a few critics, who, evidently without reading the whole book, have misrepresented it, and seem determined, in fact some have expressed their determination, to prevent its perusal, and consequently hinder the good moral effect that, with God's

blessing, it is intended, and in the time in which we live it is calculated, to produce in the minds of well-disposed Christian readers.

We felt a want of such book, and often heard a demand for it, which to the best of our limited abilities we have attempted to supply. That the want of a book like "The Christian Trumpet" was generally felt, is acknowledged by several friendly reviewers, especially in the "Ave Maria," in the "La Salle Monthly Magazine," and in the "New York Tablet," from which we copy the following short paragraph: "This work, evincing much and careful research on the part of the compiler, is divided into three parts. . . . As the author justly remarks, there was no known collection of prophecies and previsions published in our language. We think, as he does, that the volume he now offers to the public *will fill a void long felt*, and ought to be well received by the reading public."

Our object in publishing this book was to charitably warn our Catholic readers, and through them, if possible, all our fellow-Christians, that impending general calamities were announced by so many, so various, and such holy servants of God, that only blind prejudice or a lack of Christian faith could venture to despise them, call them all in doubt, and obstinately neglect making any timely and adequate preparation before such serious and awful scourges were inflicted upon us by the offended majesty of God. In short, we sincerely and earnestly desired to invite and urge our fellow-men to busy themselves less with this low and miserable land of exile, which shall soon be devoured by a universal conflagration, and to meditate more seriously and in practice on the end of our creation, which is God's eternal glory in the sanctification, perfection, and salvation of our immortal souls. "*For what doth it profit a man if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?*" (St. Mat. xvi. 26.)

As may be observed in the Preface and in other portions of this book, the compiler expected and was prepared to meet with two classes of persons opposed to the publication of a