

THE INFLUENCE OF BROTHERS

IN THE SOCIETY WE HAVE THE WELLKNOWN THREE GRADES: COADJUTOR BROTHERS, SCHOLASTICS AND PRIESTS. ALL ARE AN IMPORTANT UNIT IN THE GREAT ARMY, THAT UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE POPE, IS KEPT IN CONSTANT READINESS FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST. THE HISTORY OF THE SOCIETY IS SUFFICIENTLY LONG AND THE REGIONS OF THE WORLD, COVERED BY IT, ARE SUFFICIENTLY VAST TO AFFORD EXAMPLES OF THE SALUTARY INFLUENCE OF ONE GRADE ON OTHERS. I HOPE TO SHOW IT TODAY WITH REGARD TO THE COADJUTORS.

YOU PEOPLE WHO COME FROM THE SHORES OF THE HUDSON RIVER TELL US THAT, IN 1626, THE DUTCH PETER MINUIT PURCHASED MANHATTAN ISLAND FROM THE INDIANS, WITH PIECES OF BRIGHT CLOTH, BEADS AND OTHER TRINKETS, TO THE VALUE OF ABOUT 24 DOLLARS, ERECTED FORT ^MAMSTERDAM AT THE LOWER END OF THE ISLAND AND MADE NEW ^MAMSTERDAM THE SEAT OF THE GOVERNMENT: YOU ADD THAT, ABOUT 1660, THE ENGLISH FLAG WAS RAISED OVER THE FORT AND NEW ^MAMSTERDAM BECAME NEW YORK. WHILE THE DUTCH AND THE ENGLISH WERE QUARELLING IN NEW YORK, THE JESUITS OF MANILA WERE BURYING IN THEIR CHURCH OF IN-TRAMUROS A VENERABLE PRIEST, WHO HAD BEEN TWICE PROVINCIAL OF THE PROVINCE OF THE PHILIPPINES, TWICE RECTOR OF THE COLEGIO MAXIMO OF SAN IGNACIO, FOUR YEARS RECTOR OF THE COLEGIO DE SAN JOSE, PROFESSOR OF SACRED SCRIPTURE, THREE YEARS MISSIONARY IN MIN-DORO, CONFESOR AND SPIRITUAL ADVISER OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND AUTHOR OF VARIOUS HISTORICAL AND SPIRITUAL BOOKS. THOSE WHO KNEW FRANCISCO COLIN MORE INTIMATELY RECOLLECTED