

The Footprints of the Jesuits.

The author of this solidly written and solidly printed book of five hundred or more pages is the Hon. R. W. Thompson of Terre Haute, Indiana, an ex-Secretary of the Navy of the United States and the author of *The Papacy and the Civil Power*. The history of the Jesuits is a large subject and one on which it would be difficult to write without pride, prejudice, or passion. One must either extol them or abuse them, according to his point of view. Mr. Thompson believes that the aim, spirit, and methods of the Jesuits are as foreign to the true character of the Roman Catholic Church as they are detestable to Protestants, and that they seriously menace the integrity of the civil institutions of the United States. He would constrain Roman Catholics, if possible, to decline Jesuit leadership and influence, showing them that they can be as patriotic and loyal citizens as Protestants without disrespect to, or weakening of, their spiritual obligations as members of the Church of Rome. This is a sound distinction and a highly important one to make. It is, we think, logical and demonstrable by the pages of such a record as this, which constitutes a good, short exposition of the Jesuit system and history. Loyola himself in his person and ministry, the constitution and government of his notorious society, its wonderful organization and discipline, its movements and achievements in Europe and the East, the suppression and reëstablishment of the order, its practices, teachings, and intrigues are the main lines of the volume. Mr. Thompson speaks a strong word in behalf of the public schools and the importance of keeping them free from Jesuit control. He calls Monseigneur Satolli a "vice-pope," and he considers that the bishop of Rome has no idea of relaxing his claim to jurisdiction in the United States. The book is strongly but temperately

written and is marked by learning and candor.

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