UNIVERSITY TEXTBOOKS AND THE ROMAN CATHOLICS.

"Justicia," Adelaide, writing on the senior history textbook prescribed by the University for the study of the Roman Catholic Church, says: "It is utterly unqualified to require Catholic candidates for the senior examination to study the epoch of the crusades from such a poisoned source as the Rev. G. W. Cox." Her remarks further: "That the rev. gentleman is imbued with the bitterest feelings of hostility toward the Papacy, Monarchicalism, or anything emanating from the Roman Catholic Church is abundantly apparent from every page of "The Crusades." In support of this conclusion, she quotes and comments upon several of the objectionable passages. Unfortunately, the demands upon our space render it impossible for us to publish these at the present time. "Justicia" adds that the whole tenor of the work is not only anti-Catholic but anti-Christian. In conclusion, she says: "The sympathy of the writer are plainly with Omer and Kutjhe, but not with Urban and the Gregories; with the Turks, not with the Christians. He was no good warrior in the crusades. He details the horror of some of the crimes committed by the French, but silent about the many, especially among the Christians, who aided with mercenary and a dignity worthy of the cause they defended." This is the textbook which Catholics have to study in order to pass the senior examination. I am sure it must appear to any reflecting mind highly improper that Catholics should be compelled to study a book like this, so far out of harmony with both of these positions. I would suggest that whoever this University authorities are fully to point out that no book is prescribed, but each one is free to study the facts of history from sources in harmony with his creed.

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TO THE EDITOR.

Sir—Having had many evidences of the courtesy of the press towards Roman Catholics, I feel confident that you will allow me in your valuable paper for the ventilating of a question. The senior history textbook prescribed by the University authorities for this year is entitled "The Crusades" by Prof. G. W. Cox, M.A. That the writer is imbued with the bitterest feelings of hostility toward the Papacy, Monarchicalism, or anything emanating from the Roman Catholic Church, is abundantly apparent from every page of "The Crusades." But his animosity to Catholicism must be easily passed over, and his views on the great events in the history of the world are unanswerable. Certainly in computing his character, he was not thinking about consulting the most impartial authorities; and if truth and justice can be his guides, then the responsibility of a historian, his authority has very little weight. It is not my purpose to range into any discussion, for which I have neither time nor inclination, but to show by some quotations or references how utterly unfair it is to require Catholic candidates for the senior examination to study the epoch of the crusades from such a poisoned source as that of the Rev. G. W. Cox. I shall not comment on the fact that the Pope in the first chapter on the Christianity of St. Paul, on the more that Constantine, vis-à-vis his intention of the crusades, in the last teaching of the Divine Recorder; but pass on to a very great statement in para. 11, to the effect that the East was a kind of heathenism, and all that has been said of it is not in accordance with the history of the crusades from such a poisoned source as that of the Rev. G. W. Cox. I shall not comment on the last paragraph on the day we pass in the first chapter on the Christianity of St. Paul, on the more that Constantine, vis-à-vis his intention of the crusades, in the last teaching of the Divine Recorder; but pass on to a very great statement in para. 11, to the effect that the East was a kind of heathenism, and all that has been said of it is not in accordance with the history of the crusades from such a poisoned source as that of the Rev. G. W. Cox. I shall not comment on the last paragraph on the day we pass in the first chapter on the Christianity of St. Paul, on the more that Constantine, vis-à-vis his intention of the crusades, in the last teaching of the Divine Recorder; but pass on to a very great statement in para. 11, to the effect that the East was a kind of heathenism, and all that has been said of it is not in accordance with the history of the crusades from such a poisoned source as that of the Rev. G. W. Cox. I shall not comment on the last paragraph on the day we pass in the first chapter on the Christianity of St. Paul, on the more that Constantine, vis-à-vis his intention of the crusades, in the last teaching of the Divine Recorder; but pass on to a very great statement in para. 11, to the effect that the East was a kind of heathenism, and all that has been said of it is not in accordance with the history of the crusades from such a poisoned source as that of the Rev. G. W. Cox. I shall not comment on the last paragraph on the day we pass in the first chapter on the Christianity of St. Paul, on the more that Constantine, vis-à-vis his intention of the crusades, in the last teaching of the Divine Recorder; but pass on to a very great statement in para. 11, to the effect that the East was a kind of heathenism, and all that has been said of it is not in accordance with the history of the crusades from such a poisoned source as that of the Rev. G. W. Cox. I shall not comment on the last paragraph on the day we pass in the first chapter on the Christianity of St. Paul, on the more that Constantine, vis-à-vis his intention of the crusades, in the last teaching of the Divine Recorder; but pass on to a very great statement in para. 11, to the effect that the East was a kind of heathenism, and all that has been said of it is not in accordance with the history of the crusades from such a poisoned source as that of the Rev. G. W. Cox. I shall not comment on the last paragraph on the day we pass in the first chapter on the Christianity of St. Paul, on the more that Constantine, vis-à-vis his intention of the crusades, in the last teaching of the Divine Recorder; but pass on to a very great statement in para. 11, to the effect that the East was a kind of heathenism, and all that has been said of it is not in accordance with the history of the crusades from such a poisoned source as that of the Rev. G. W. Cox.