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who well knows how, having his being in the main stream of politics. It is a clear doctrine of St. Thomas, I believe, that one must endure much rather than subvert established order whatsoever form it take. Did Shakespeare know? We can be absolutely sure that if Bacon knew, he cared for none of these difficult questions.

We have dwelt upon those plays which occupy most room in the author's consideration, leaving to purchasers of the book the delight of verifying its conclusions and following out its suggestions, improving on them, if they will call it so. We do not remember any book so truly enlightening on the superhuman poet since Father Bowden's *Religion of Shakespeare*. Lest we be brought in guilty of mere eulogy, we beg to note that we really wish the author had given more time and care to such plays as *Othello* and *Antony and Cleopatra*. A passing clout here and there to G. B. Shaw is part of the delight of the book.

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LAY SERMON

Matthew XII 44.

NURSE that darling little sin
Close to your heart, and never doubt
That there are seven of that kin,
More deadly, who but wait to win
An entrance—if you drive it out.

H.D.C.P.