

alone then for a week he is to meditate upon it and to make it real in his imagination. He is supposed to think of it so that he can hear the crackling of the flames, so that he can feel the heat against his body, so that he can smell the flames - he is to make it real and vivid ~~to~~ ^{to} him for a week until it becomes an overpowering feeling that

(4.5). The second week he thinks through details of Christ's life as far as Palm Sunday. The third he thinks of the sufferings of Christ and the fourth of His Resurrection and Ascension. But all of this is to be done under careful direction of the advisor who is to watch how the man is going to see so that it will become so strong in his mind that it will be a force that will last with him and yet not so strong that he will lose his reason or that he will become a doubter. And so it is very carefully directed and the end of it all is to bring the man to complete subjection to the church. The Jesuits are directed to praise all the precepts of the church, holding the mind ready to find reasons for her defense and in no wise in her criticism. There is to be an unconditional surrender, not only of the will, but of the intelligence. They are taught to be like the stick that can be lifted up (5.5) and used ~~without~~ ^{his} ~~interposing~~ ^{his} ~~it~~ will one way or the other upon it. Loyola said ~~tried~~ to make sure of being right in all things we ought always to hold by the principle that the white I see I should believe to be black if the hierarchial church were so to rule. And so this system of spiritual exercises is to develop these qualities in a man in which the difficulties that stand in his way will seem minor compared to the tremendous force of these great things in his imagination, and that he will be determined to devote himself to the purposes of the Order regardless of anything that comes in the way and not only that the facts of Christianity should become vital to his imagination but that active virtues such as obedience, humility, and love, he said, should become the natural gardens of the soul. And so