

voce and through the press, an instrument of power which we have not half used for the propagation of the truth. Let us show our people what has been accomplished in the past and fill their souls with the vast possibilities of the future in this great Dominion and throughout the whole world ; let them become acquainted with the vicissitudes, the weakness, the strength, the failures, and the triumphs of our Church. And let us not fail to shut out from her worship, her discipline, and doctrine all that is narrow, superstitious, popish, vulgar, unnatural and unscriptural ; and let us not fear to cut off excrescences that may have been growing upon our system for centuries or that may try to fasten themselves upon it now, and let us show the world that our Church is not simply Scottish, or Canadian, but catholic and progressive. Theology, in order to be progressive, must revise its old arguments, and readjust its old defences that they may fit into exsiting errors and destroy them. We must meet indifferntism, and latitudinarianism, and sacerdotalism, and scepticism, and worldliness, and the cry for fewer sermons and shorter sermons, not with hard names and frantic denunciations, but with living faith, and honest lives, and solid arguments, and sermons that are a consuming fire, a rushing mighty wind laden with Divine truth touching man's sin, Christ's sacrifice, God's justice and mercy and love. Sermons that impart a luminous knowledge of the way of life, and are full of Divine power and passion for saving souls.

In this high sense we must

Make knowledge circle with the winds ;
But let her herald, Reverence, fly
Before her to whatever sky
Bear seed of men and growth of minds.