

## THE CHURCH AND IMMIGRATION.



James Russell Lowell, when American ambassador at the Court of St. James, in an after dinner address, thus answered some slighting references to Christianity, made by a previous speaker: "When sceptics have found a place on this planet, ten miles square where a decent man can live in decency, comfort and security, supporting and educating his children unspoiled and unpolluted, a place where age is revered, infancy protected, womanhood honored and human life held in due regard—when sceptics can find such a place where the Gospel of Christ has not gone and cleared the way, and laid the foundations it will then be in order for the sceptical literati to move thither and ventilate their views. But so long as these men are dependent upon the very religion which they discard for every privilege they enjoy, they may well hesitate to rob a Christian of his hope, and humanity of its faith in that Saviour who alone has given to men that hope of eternal life which makes life tolerable and society possible, and robs death of its terrors and the grave of its gloom."

If in the newer portions of our country now being settled a decent man is to live in decency, comfort, and security, if old age is to be revered, infancy protected, womanhood honored and human life held in due regard—if we are to establish and maintain those Christian institutions which are the greatest safeguard as well as the crowning glory of our civilization, the way must be cleared, the foundations laid, and the life of the community constantly inspired by the Gospel of Christ. To the churches of this country is given the privilege and upon them rests the responsibility of proclaiming this gospel.

To properly appreciate the nature and importance