

bravely for providential openings. They must keep their ranks free from insane doctrinal speculators and hopeless spiritual apostates. They must apply vigorous discipline when necessary, and thus lop off the branches which bear no fruit to the glory of God and the honor of the Church. They must keep their distinctive mission conspicuously in sight and strive to make their organization a living power in accomplishing that to which God has called them.

#### PROFIT BY EXPERIENCE

We must profit by experience. Past defects must sharpen our wits to avoid future failures. If we have been losing sight of our true mission we must brush away the gathering cobwebs and gain clear vision for the future. We must insist upon a radical change of heart, and a holy, fruitful life as the normal condition and privilege of every believer. We must guard against those intrusions of worldliness, formalism, and listlessness which would