

priest in grandiloquent language drew a comparison between Roman Catholic and Protestant countries. He spoke of Germany as a great country with strong independent thinkers, but which, unfortunately, had lapsed from the Church, but, in his opinion, was now shewing signs of returning to her bosom. He spoke of England as having been slumbering in heresy for three hundred years but was now shewing signs of awakening. He lifted up the Province of Quebec and Ireland as two of the most dutiful of the children of the Church. He might have spoken of Spain and Portugal and other places seldom heard of because they are sleeping quietly and thoughtlessly in the arms of the Church. He forgot to tell that Germany became great, independent and almost irresistible during those many years of apostasy. He did not say that England became the mistress of the world's commerce and foremost in colonization during that sleep of activity in the last three hundred years. He did not point out or explain how it is that Quebec has so much poverty and ignorance as compared to Ontario with its wealth and intelligence. Nor did he shew how the woes of Ireland can be traced to the supremacy of the Romish Church. We invite comparisons of this kind. They shew us that somehow ignorance, poverty and subservience characterize Roman Catholic people.

The Romish Hierarchy is tightening its grasp on Quebec. The Protestants there are disheartened. Many of the would be champions of the Protestant faith are timid and apologetic. They claim to be good Protestants, to be its champions in Parliament and elsewhere, and in the same breath they urge Catholics to be obedient to their spiritual guides, although they believe these to be blind guides. They are good Protestants, but many of them contribute as much and sometimes more to the support of Roman Catholic institutions than they do to Protestant ones. They lick the very feet of priests and bishops whom at heart they despise. It is doubtful if a man with strong Protestant principles can be in public office in Quebec. On the floor of Parliament, on the hustings, everywhere, the French politicians never fail to tell their hearers that this is a Catholic Province, that they are under a Catholic government. Each party submits the name of its candidate for Parliament to the approval of the Bishop or Priest. Even pronounced (?) Protestants are deputed to consult with the Bishop as to the course to be taken, and some of them feel highly honored to be thus occupied in the surrender of one of the most cherished principles of Protestantism by acknow-