

error, is a thorough acquaintance with the history of the Christian era and particularly with the history of the Church. The importance of this study cannot be overrated. The dense ignorance concerning Catholic doctrine, that generally prevails among non-Catholics, and keeps many aloof from the Church, is based in great part on the most absurd historical fallacies. If there is any domain of learning into which the Catholic should fearlessly enter, it is that of history. It was no other than the great Newman who said: "To be deep in history is to cease to be a Protestant." The day has gone by when the field of history was an exclusively Protestant reserve, cultivated by Protestant hands and yielding an artificial product for Protestant consumption. The great conspiracy against truth inaugurated by the Magdeburg Centuriators and continued to later times by such writers as Mosheim, Neander and Hallam, has been at length discovered, and the conspirators relegated to the limbo of obscurity. Janssen, Hergenrother, Hefele, Pastor, and Gasquet—these are names of credit in the realm of history, these are the dealers in facts who have displaced the inventors of fiction. But "the evil that men do, lives after them;" and so, the work of the dead conspirators is still potent to lead incautions minds astray. With the steady light of history in our hands, our duty is, to aid, when the need arises, those who have been deceived by the *ignis fatuus* of historical romance.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

The Catholic press of Ontario has lately been reminding the Catholic parents of the province, of the serious error they commit by sending their sons to educational institutions outside the province. In this the Catholic press has done its duty, and the timely admonition will no doubt bear abundant fruit. When parents realize that by acting in this manner they may retard considerably, what they have most at heart to promote, their sons' success in life, there will be an end to the evil. In his address at Commencement last June, the very Rev. Rector of the University alluded to this matter, and his words put the case so plainly and concisely that we cannot do better than reproduce them.