

rise up around it, you do not comprehend its vastness, but when the traveller journeys away to the westward, one after another, the mountains that have challenged its superiority go down behind the horizon until all have disappeared, and when on the banks of Geneva he looks back for the last time, there stands the monarch towering among the stars, magnificent undiminished and alone.

In view of the conformity of the laws of this Province in some respects to the regulations of various religious persuasions, wherein do we conceive the propriety of this discussion; in view of the continual attempts that are made from time to time by branches of religious institutions or societies invading the legislative halls, pressing to the very foot of the Throne, demanding that laws be enacted in accord with prevailing religious or sectarian opinions and prejudices, wherein is it consistent to urge the incongruity of the people of Quebec in enacting laws in the spirit of their own religious institutions?

Strife is unpleasant and unbecoming to the Church whose part it is to make for peace. Her struggle should be against a common foe. But she is divided into factions whose triumphs are won over each other and all their sufferings are endured at each other's hands. Have we not been given a religion so courteous,—“so good tempered,” says Lawrence Sterne, “that every precept of it carries a balm along with it to heal the soreness of our natures, and sweeten our spirits, that we might live with such kind intercourse in this world as to fit us to exist together in a better.”

Mr. Mills' address was followed by an excellent presentation by Mr. Matthew Wilson, K.C., of Chatham, of the relation of the Civil and Canon Law, and other speakers, among whom were Messrs. John Ransford of Clinton, E. G. Henderson, of Windsor, His Honor Judge Holt, and His Worship, J. C. Judd, of London, whose temperate spirit and moderate tone and fairness in treatment of the subject showed that Mr. Mills' effort had not been without a wholesome effect.

Indeed at the close of the Synod, His Lordship the Bishop of Huron, in referring to the work of the Synod, said: “Referring to the debate on the *No Temere* decree, I think it was one of the best ever heard in the Synod, and I am sure that in no public assembly in this country where this subject has been discussed has the Church of Rome found so able a defender. I do not say this in any spirit of depreciation. I am rather proud of it. I am only glad that our Roman Catholic friends (or brethren) may know that we entertain and encourage the spirit of toleration in our midst.”

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