

expelled from the Empire. England looked on with wonder and joy. Through Great Britain meetings were held at which resolutions of sympathy and admiration were passed amidst the greatest enthusiasm. That was in 1874. It is now 1891, only seventeen years later. What is the condition of things in Germany to-day? Roman Catholicism is making astonishing progress there. The iron Bismarck, before his retirement, was forced backward by the tremendous pressure of Rome. The young Emperor bows and bends before it. Not a department of life but feels its influence to-day. If we seek an explanation of this, may we not find it in the fact that vital godliness had almost died out of Germany; that rationalism and formalism held sway? The souls of men grew hungry for the bread of life, and Rome, quick to discern her opportunity, came forward with her counterfeit for that divine food. As a result Germany is falling rapidly into the power of Rome again. This is ominous. Suppose that Rome should become dominant in Germany, that extraordinary military power, and in America, that extraordinary wealth accumulating country, what would follow? Can you contemplate that picture with composure? This is Rome's aim. You believe it. Then be wise. Rome is mighty, Rome is hostile, Rome is near, Rome cannot be reformed, Rome must be destroyed.

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