

Church of God, and make it, as it is said, and not causelessly, to have been instrumental in making the United States "the praise and envy of the nations of the earth."

The Church of England thus wisely seconded by her potent auxiliary, may be said, without arrogance, to be, in North America, the representative of Catholic Christianity. She is opposed to the servile spirit and opposed to the defying spirit; remote from the servility of Romanism as from the anarchy of Puritanism and Dissent. She steers a midway course between the dreaded rock that juts from the Italian shore, and the whirlpool so perilous to the vagrant barks. She appeals with confidence to the intelligence of men. She gives them the word of God and her interpretation of it to guide them. There is the divine charter for them, and there are the rules of her incorporation warranted by it. She comes invested with a claim of right upon their obedience, an ancient and acknowledged right, which has been demonstrated a thousand times over to be valid. She claims, that assent be yielded, upon rational conviction, to that deliberate interpretation of the word of God which she, the true representative of Catholic Christianity, has given to it. This is a claim that never has been shewn to be unfounded. Who ever justified his rejection of it? We as members of the Church all acknowledge it, acknowledge our belief in her sacraments, and articles of religion, creeds and catechism, and the divinely authorized appointment of her Ministry. The belief of these things remains imperative upon us, and to keep the truth in all its in-