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"Oh! patient Lamb of God!" I sobbed, repenting,
 "Pardon my sin, and wash me white as snow;
 I shall arise and journey home, relenting,
 Shall fall upon the bosom of my foe,
 And cry 'Forgive! for Christ hath willed it so.'"

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THE CATHOLIC CHURCH NO ENEMY OF
 CIVILIZATION.

It is a theme of every day's occurrence to hear the enemies of the church of Christ proclaim that the Catholic Church does not encourage civilization and progress, but that the countries in which she sways the sceptre are notoriously behind the age and have not kept pace with the march of civilization. The Catholic church they say, has done little or nothing for mankind, those countries in which she sojourns are not enlightened by the influence she exercises over them, her children cannot be compared with Protestants, they are less civil, less congenial, less instructed and far from being more moral, on the contrary they are guilty of many crimes unknown to Protestants.

In many instances this belief springs from ignorance, in others from prejudice and dislike for the Catholic church. To the former, that is to say, to those who are in search of the truth and who are ready and willing to embrace it as soon as it may please God to reveal it to their intelligence, we offer the following explanation of the Catholic doctrine on the point in question.

The mission of "The Voice" as we have often told you, is to bring Protestants into the one true fold of Jesus Christ, the Holy Catholic church, to furnish them with the means of finding the truth; in this pursuit, noble and indeed worthy in its end, it has given the deathblow and dispelled from the mind of many of its readers, numbers of those slanderous and false imputations which are so often hurled at the Catholic church by her most bitter enemies.

In this number we shall give to our readers the true meaning of the word "civilization" and at the same time we will show in what manner the Catholic church undertakes to pro-