

of keeping with the majestic march and slow triumph of truth and right in this turbulent world. They would look for the gradual, steady, and sound advance of Catholicity by ordinary means, and issues which are probable, and acts and proceedings which are good and holy. They would pray for the conversion of individuals, and for a great many of them, and out of all ranks and classes, and those especially who are in faith and devotion nearest to the church, and seem, if they themselves did not defeat it, to be the object of God's election; for a removal from the public mind of prejudice and ignorance about us; for a better understanding in all quarters of what we hold and of what we do not hold; for a feeling of good will and respectful bearing in the population towards our Bishops and priests; for a capacity in the educated classes of entering into a just appreciation of our characteristic opinion, sentiments, ways, and principles; and in order to effect all this, for a blessing on our controversialists, that they may be gifted with an abundant measure of prudence, self-command, tact, knowledge of men and things, good sense, candor, and straightforwardness, that their reputation may be high and their influence wide and deep; and as a special means and most necessary for our success, for a larger increase in the Catholic body of brotherly love and mutual sympathy, unanimity and high principle, rectitude of conduct and purity of life. I could not have selected a more important subject to bring before you, but in proportion to my sense of its importance is my consciousness that it deserves a treatment far superior to that which I have given it. I have done as well as I could, though poor is the best.

LORD RIPON.

AN ANSWER TO BRITISH BIGOTRY AND IGNORANCE BY A
LIBERAL ENGLISHMAN.

(From the London Spectator.)

"That the selection of Lord Ripon for the Viceroyalty should occasion surprise is natural enough. The public has never quite understood why Lord Ripon has been so often selected for high office, and has incurable belief, Cardinal Newman notwithstanding, that any Protestant who becomes a Catholic has been 'caught' by the priests, and must be somehow or other, in some corner of his mental faculties, a little weak. The prejudice, as a general prejudice, is absurd, and