

church in which they were born, and educated, no lesson for us? If Spain and Italy are evidently moved by the same feelings that the church is not a gracious mother but a spiritual tyrant, has this no lesson for us? Religion for free, educated men, must itself be free. Men to-day will not bow to the mere authority of Pope, or Bishop, or Synod, but they will bow to the authority of truth and love. And that, my brethren, was the appeal of Christ. He never said you must obey Me because I am God, but he sought to win them by the power of truth and love to the free confession of His Divinity.

The authority of force is essentially a thing of this world. The authority of truth and love is of Christ. When the people said of Him, that He spoke with authority and not as the scribes, they meant that their inmost being was moved by His words, which brought to their souls light and life; and their spirits were knit to His Spirit in the unity of truth and love.

Truth and love. There is no authority that is not ultimately based on these.

Again, another sign of the times. Sir Oliver Lodge, a man who in larger measure than any other writer of our times, combines the scientific with the religious temperament, has recently written these words: "The old familiar problems which group themselves round the fundamental ideas of God, Freedom and Immortality, are far more interesting and weighty than questions concerning sacerdotal authority and Apostolic succession, which have always been responsible for divergence between church and dissent; and it is these root ideas which are being attacked, it is from living apprehension of these that the nation is