

knife are not applied they are of no use. It was here all the evil lay in the time of Jeremiah. Israel was wounded and the wounds needed attention. There was a balm and a surgeon on the way almost: but Israel would have neither. Hence the hopelessness of the case, the wail of the patriot.

IV. How is the remedy to be applied? It is in this matter we are on our trial. God has given us a pure Gospel; he has given a free constitution. How are we to apply them? (1.) The first thing demanded of us is, that the pulpits of the Dominion should give to Christ his proper place. This was the idea of Paul, and the plan he followed: "I determined to know nothing save Jesus Christ." "I am not ashamed of the Gospel." The result of his work, the churches he established, the influence he has exerted in the history of Europe, shews the wisdom of his plan. When we say that Christ is to be the theme you must not suppose that this limits the pulpit, or that the subject will ever grow thread-bare. Christ is a mine of knowledge and wisdom that can never be exhausted. If any one said for six months he would lecture every night on the Exhibition at Philadelphia, would that imply that he would soon exhaust his subject? So with Christ. The theme is endless: in his divinity and humanity, in his person, his character, his work; as our wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption; in His birth, his life, his death; his miracles, his parables, his prayers and his preachings; Christ suffering and yet conquering; Christ exalted and ruling. Christ in the pulpits of the land is the best security for moral order.

Talk of morality, thou bleeding Lamb;
The great morality is love of thee.

Let us rest assured of this, that as long as the popish pulpits of Quebec banish Christ to make room for the

Virgin Mary, and saints, and as soon as the Protestant pulpits banish Christ to make way for any other theme, then its power is gone, the glory is departed, may be written on it. (2.) The second thing demanded is that the youth of our land should be, from their infancy, familiar with the Bible. The Bible in the hand, hearts, ears, of the young was a leading feature in the training of the young of Israel. "Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down and risest up. There are found in the Hebrew Scriptures certain elements that are lacking in the literature of the present day. In the Hebrew Scriptures our children will find sublime ideas of God, as the *Jehovah self-existent*; the *Almighty*, the *Most High*, the *Lord of Lords*, the sovereign of the stars, material hosts of heaven, and of the angels. He is infinitely and absolutely wise, strong, good, true, faithful, and as the consummate glory of all the Divine perfections He is *holy*. They find there sublime views of His government. They find there awful views of sin—the thing God hates. Just as the flower in the darkened room needs the sun-light, and the children of the narrow streets of the crowded city, need the open and fresh air of heaven, so do our youth need the Hebrew Scriptures. (3.) The third thing is that our newspaper press should be conducted on Christian principles. It is not enough that the newspaper press should be *decent*; the law of the land compels this. All grossly immoral publications are liable to be seized; not enough that it should *cease to oppose Christ and His Church*. This is now very much the case. It is not enough that it should be *moral*; it is so largely. There are negative qualities. It ought to be *Christian* in its *faith*, in its *morals*, in its *spirit* and *love*. Christian—so as not to allow