

time now to paraphrase the saying of Blessed Thomas More and to ask : " Who ever heard of a sane man regretting that he had lived a Catholic or verting to Protestantism on his death-bed ? "—Ave Maria.

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The periodical whirlwinds of bigotry that sweep over the land soon subside, like the upheavals of nature, after spending their force. Nor are they an unmixed evil ; they serve some useful purpose. They purify the moral atmosphere ; they clear the spiritual skies, and give observant men a better insight into the uncreated world. They are winnowing winds separating the wheat from the chaff. They are storms that try men's souls. They help to render the members of the Church more loyal to their religion, and they awaken in serious and honest minds outside her pale salutary reflections, often resulting in their conversion. Indeed, it has frequently been observed that periods of violent hostility to our religion have been also seasons of notable accessions to the Church, of which there are some shining examples around us. Institutions, as well as men, that have stood unmoved amid the raging billows, have always commanded the admiration and homage of mankind.

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Count Albert De Mun, the brilliant leader of the Catholic Republican Deputies has been admitted as a member of the French academy. This is the greatest honor that France could have conferred on him. De Mun is an ardent catholic and has devoted his brilliant talents to the cause of the Church and the improvement of the condition of workingmen. He is a leader in the religious political and social world.

The *Gaulois* relates the following anecdote of the great orator's early training :

While still a child, Count Albert was remarkable among all his little comrades for infantine facility of speech. His father who noticed this natural gift in his son, resolved to develop it and went about it in the following ingenious fashion. When the child committed some youthful peccadillo punishable usually by the priva-