

blood the Church of Rome has caused to be shed. Infamous as she is for her idolatry, she is no less detestable for her cruelty. For not to mention other outrageous slaughters and barbarities, the crusades against the Waldenses, and Albigenses, the murders committed by the Duke of Alva in the Netherlands, the massacres in France and Ireland, and the invention of the Inquisition were enough in themselves to blot her out forever from an enlightened and civilized world. She has broken upon the wheel, stretched upon the rack, burned in the flames, and consigned to horrible dungeons of death thousands of Christ's humble followers, and all because they would not renounce the faith in their Lord, and become subject to her sway. And I tell you, that the same spirit burns in her bosom to-day against all who are opposed to her creed. And yet this is the Church that vaunts herself as being the Church of Him whose name is love, and "who would not break the bruised reed, nor quench the smoking flax," and this is the character of her that proclaims to the world that there is no other Salvation outside her walls. Mother of abominations! The word of Him who cannot lie has gone forth against her. Her overthrow may be slow, but it is sure. The forces are now at work in the world that will crush her. Her foundation stone has already been moved. Her infallible head has already fallen. His divinity has deserted him in his time of need. His power over the consciences of man is becoming less every day. Weaker and weaker shall his government become, till that mighty voice heard by John in prophetic vision be heard again, rolling like loudest thunder through the heaven of the redeemed, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and shall be found no more at all." Meanwhile another voice is calling, "Come out of her my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities."—Rev. xviii., 4.

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THE UNITY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

To the Editor of the Strathroy Dispatch.

DEAR SIR,—In your columns on the 15th inst., there appeared the report of a sermon delivered in the Presbyterian Church of this town, on the evening of Sunday the 12th November, by the Rev. R. Scobie. Now, though I do not consider myself at all bound to reply whenever an attack is made upon the Catholic Church, yet as I find that many people of our town expect some Catholic to "answer the arguments" of the Rev. Preacher, I request you to allow me, in your next issue, sufficient space to make some remarks on the sermon referred to. To "answer the arguments" of the Rev. Mr. Scobie will be, I must acknowledge, rather a difficult task; for I find in his sermon, very little which can be, by any stretch of the imagination, styled "arguments," though there is much "assertion" without attempt at proof, and much abusive appeal to the passions and prejudices of all non-Catholics, founded upon the absurd doctrines which have so frequently been falsely attributed to Catholics by dishonest controversialists. The Rev. Mr. Scobie has made these falsehoods his own, so, whether he has done so through malice, or ignorance, I