

rance, than infidelity is the sign of wisdom; that we are not idolers, because we worship, as of old, what the Martyrs worshipped that we do not dishonour God, because we honour His saints; and that we are not wanting in love and adoration to Christ, our Lord and Redeemer, because we also offer the homage of our love, and veneration to his blessed Mother.

We will endeavour to shew cause why it is not expedient to violate treaties, to infringe upon the sacred rights of property, to destroy the establishments for educational purposes and to annihilate the only provision existing in this country for the relief of the poor and needy. And, by the help of God, we will no longer tamely submit to have our religion reviled—our holy things profaned—our Clergy insulted—and the meek inmates of our religious communities exposed to the ribald taunts and cowardly insinuations of the infidel or the fanatic.

We will endeavour to shew, that it is owing to these much abused institutions, and to them alone, that this country is not, like Protestant England, burdened with a daily increasing mass of pauperism, and its hideous attendant, crime. That these establishments offer the only effectual provision for the suffering members of the community. And whilst gratefully acknowledging the benefits we derive, from the equitable administration of the laws, under which we have the happiness to live, we will still contend, that it is chiefly owing to the blessing of God upon the teaching of the Clergy, that peace and order, religion, and morality, continue to flourish in this country, to a degree unknown in others, best perhaps, with a more fertile soil, a more genial climate, and more richly endowed with the elements of a material prosperity.

And, at the same time, we will always endeavour to avoid giving just cause of offence to others. In as far as in us lies, we will endeavour to maintain peace and charity with all men; and in any disputes, in which we may happen to be involved, if we cannot boast of the serpent, we will at least try to emulate the gentle meekness of the dove.

With these sentiments, and for the purpose of carrying into effect the above mentioned objects; it is proposed, if the necessary encouragement can be obtained, to start a Weekly Paper, to be edited at Montreal, and entitled, the "TRUE WITNESS." Although the "True Witness" will be essentially a religious publication, it is not intended that it should be so exclusively. Whilst no articles, inoffensive to true religion, sound morality, or to Christian charity will be excluded from its columns, yet, as its primary object is avowedly religious, the greater part of its pages will be devoted to topics connected with religion. Not indeed to the discussion of abstruse points of Catholic theology, or to treatises upon the incomprehensible mysteries of our faith. The love and condescension of God towards man, as manifested in the incarnation, and real presence in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar. His mysterious nature revealed to us, and by us worshipped in unity of essence, and trinity of persons, are topics too vast, too holy to be lightly treated of in the fleeting columns of a weekly periodical, too awful