

## THE CHURCH MILITANT

the practicing of it in daily life will ever be the Church's most effective mode of conquest. To the weapons of truth are added those of meekness and righteousness by the Psalmist, for he says,—  
“Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty, with thy glory and majesty. And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness.” These are her weapons for aggressive warfare. The powers of darkness must give way before her, for  
“she goes forth fair as the moon, clear as the sun and terrible as an army with banners.”

The triumphs and conquests of the past have cost much. Many noble lives have been sacrificed in the cause of truth and righteousness. History records that between four and seven million in the early centuries sealed their testimony to Christ's redeeming power with their life blood, and that during the Reformation in Scotland some eighteen thousand died the death of the martyr rather than deny their Lord and Master. Besides,