

historical shortcomings of that great institution. I have long ago cease to look upon Luther and his reformation as a reformation at all in any sense or form. For a number of years I have maintained that it was a retrograde and backward movement, and now, unfortunately for Europe and its dependencies in the rest of the world, my prophesy about the baneful effect of Luther and his reformation is becoming true.

The next great disturbance in Germany was another religious disturbance, caused by the fanaticism of a sect called Anabaptists. This subject occupied a good deal of space in religious writings, but we do not consider of sufficient importance to deal with it any further than to state, that foolish as it may seem to many of us now, it caused a great deal of distress and trouble to the unfortunate German people, all owing to the fact that they never seem really to understand the true principles of liberty. Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity is a Celtic or French idea—not a German idea—that idea never seemed to grow on German soil. It was France and not Germany, that gave the world the idea that all Churches, must either be disestablished altogether or the Protestant Church, the Catholic Church, the Jewish Church, must be placed on the same foundation and relation to the State. When Napoleon broke up the German Empire in 1806—sixty years afterwards in 1866 the German principalities started to discuss the question of German federation, and the question that was considered of extreme importance, was not the union of the German peoples in different principalities, but the question whether Prussia or Austria, was to be the head of the family. Prussia and Austria went to War over this question, and Prussia won out—and so Austria was thrown out of the family. Then the war between France and Prussia was brought about and through the manoeuvring of the famous Bismark, the present German Empire, was at last hammered into shape. I have not got the least doubt in my mind, that before any of us are very much older, this last Baby Germany Empire, will have the fate of all the former German Empires in history. The root of the evil is what may be called in popular language—German bad manners—and want of respect for the rights of other people. In that respect they are like a little child, walking the streets with his Mother, before he knows the