

ject under consideration? My answer is, that as an Irishman, and much more as an Archbishop, I feel it a bounden duty of love as well as of conscience to do all I can to disenchant a deluded remnant, and only a remnant, of our people with that pet scheme of physical force and war to the knife on England, to which they so madly adhere. Hopeless as the project must appear to any one outside of a lunatic asylum, yet frenzied by the sense of the cruel wrongs of Ireland, and played upon and hounded on by knaves, many of them are, I believe, sincere, or they would not commit themselves to so desperate a cause at the risk of everything that man can prize. I may have a sort of sympathy for the motives of the really well-meaning, but I mourn their errors—I could cry for their disastrous mistakes. With my whole heart and soul I detest their doctrines and condemn their blasphemous theories and practices, which have brought so many already to the gallows and to penal servitude, to the wreck of fortune, and the death of soul and body, and the blasting of all earthly and heavenly hopes. If the Bishops of Ireland and the United States had not fearlessly raised their voices to wake up that misguided people from the night-mare of death that was upon them, and to warn off the unsuspecting, from whom else could they have heard the woefully needed but unpalatable truth? Is it from secret societies, or mob orators, or a one-sided and rabid press, or from politicians, who cannot presume to differ with them in opinion, that these stern unyielding truths are to be learned? No! the Catholic religion teaches that it is only from that mouth that never can be gagged, that mouth that must speak out the whole truth of God, that all the great lessons of moral right and wrong can be infallibly ascertained. You may hear from that mouth right and wrong in science and politics, but whenever that science or these politics trench, as Fenianism and other secret societies do, on the sacred domain of Religion, there you will find the teachings of the church infallible because Catholic—"that is always and everywhere the same." Now, far more than in ancient times, is it certain, in the words of Malachi the Prophet, (2, 7,) that the lips of the priest shall keep wisdom, and the people shall seek the law from his mouth, because he is the angel of the Lord God of Hosts. They learn the whole of God's law from the mouth

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