

admiration and that nothing can resist, the power before which all doors must open. It is this virtue that constitutes the brightest gem in the diadem that crowns our venerable archbishop, that has made him worthy of his honours, glory, and dignity.

The picture that we have here endeavoured to sketch would be incomplete, if we failed to give more prominence to the pastoral letters of our eminent prelate. They form a bulky collection, and may be regarded, in a manner, as a documentary history of his twenty years of episcopacy. This history, now before me, is composed of two large volumes and treats of an astonishing number and variety of topics. Several of these are confined to the rubric, to the rules of discipline and administration common to the Church and matters ecclesiastical.

But a large number are dedicated to questions having a much wider scope, that might be read with profit and interest by laymen as well as clerics.

The zeal of the pastor is not exclusively defined to the establishment, organization, and support of works of charity, piety, and education; to the celebration of festivals; the commemoration of anniversaries, or the promulgation of encyclical bulls.

The active mind of the father and spiritual chief is busy, not alone with the religious needs of his children, but with their social and material wants as well. He enlightens them at times on the real nature of the ties that subsist between Church and State, and fortifies them against the attacks of incredulity and liberalism; at times he enlarges on the evils of intemperance, of dissipation, of emigration to the United-States, and decries unseemly strifes and intestine dissensions. His voice is ever heard in the cause of conciliation and peace, advocating harmony in the ranks of the clergy and mutual good will between them and their bishops.

Anon he launches his thunder against secret societies, Freemasonry, and all cognate organizations that tend to undermine the rights of labour and to bring employe and employer into conflict. Anon he traces the line of conduct to be followed in electoral campaigns; maps out the duties of the clergy, the exigencies of the moment; clears up doubtful points, and tells even the members of parliament themselves how they should act in the best interests of the Church and State. Whenever a vicious law is passed, or a judgment of the courts