

# POSITION AND ATTITUDE OF ROMANISM.

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In a review article published in New York two years ago, and afterwards republished in Nova Scotia and in London, England, I gave an extended account of Romanism in Canada.

The views there advanced, I am glad to say, have not been set aside. On the contrary, leading journals have repeated and widely disseminated them. I shall have occasion now, in condensed form, to re-affirm some of the same points, and need hardly add that the subject is far too large for the limits assigned to this paper.

The attitude of the Romish Church towards Protestantism has always been the same, and must be defined by her published dogmas and the decrees of her Councils and Popes. These show her to be steadily intolerant to heretics, and to assert with unwavering confidence her superiority over civil rulers and governments.\* As she claims to be infallible and unchangeable,

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\* St. Thomas, Vol. iv., p. 91, says: "*Quoniam heretici tolerandi non sunt ipso illorum demerito, usque tamen ad secundam correptionem expectandi sunt, ut ad sanam redeant ecclesiae fidem; qui vero post secundam correptionem in suo errore obstinati permanent, non modo excommunicationis sententia, sed etiam saecularibus principibus externimandi tradendi sunt.*" *Translated*—"Though heretics must not be tolerated because they deserve it, we must bear with them till, by second admonition, they may be brought back to the faith of the Church; but those who, after a second admonition, remain obstinate in their errors, must not only be excom-