

This paragraph is calculated to awaken a feeling of surer assurance. We can experience astonishment to learn that no man, who is Catholic, could expect election as President of the Republic, and yet that a President of the French Republic is forced to submit to the ecclesiastical dictation of sectarian and monastic legislators. Still more significant fact that he is made to be acceptable to those who are, at least, not Catholic. Then comes the feeling of assurance in the assurance may be torn by the desires and may be the people who are not in accord with the grand and general sentiment of the country, yet she remains the "first daughter of the Church" and beyond all these considerations we find the confirmation of the oft-repeated statement, that whether Catholic, or Independent Protestant. If the Catholic people fall away from the Church, they fall into another rank infidelity—but they