

12: 4-5. "And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say; for the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say." (vs. 11-12.) But how many times has Popery even dared to attempt to impiously gag the Holy Ghost in his saints by forbidding them to speak at all! Unto many a popish "synagogue" and popish "magistrate" have God's people since that day been brought for popish judgement and slaughter, and in fulfilment of the predicted delusion, that "they who kill you will think that they do God service!" Oh, the amazing blindness of men, when thus judicially given over "to believe a lie." "Thou shalt not kill" is the command of Jehovah. "Thou shalt kill, in our interests," is the counter command of the pope and popery! Could any devil be in more direct and daring opposition to the Almighty? And still they think that they thereby "do God service!" Was ever blind infatuation more absolute? or creature rebellion more insanely daring? So doing, however, Christ tells the whole of the Roman hierarchy, that "it were better for them that a millstone were hanged about their neck and that they were drowned in the depths of the sea."—Matt. 18: 6.

Bishop Lafleche continues to enlighten his Catholic auditors thus: "As a successor of the apostles, it is the Word of God which I break and distribute unto you!" And here is a further distribution of this "Word of God"—Referring to Mr. Laurier's "standpoint" of political procedure independent of the church, whether Catholic or Protestant, this "bishop" says; "Under existing circumstances, a Catholic cannot, under pain of committing mortal sin, vote for the leader of a party who so publicly formulated such an error." To this we need only to reply, that we have already upon a previous page seen what Divinely scheduled crimes are pronounced "no sin" by the Papacy, and here we have it set forth what constitutes not only sin but "mortal sin!" Well, Mr. Laurier is to be congratulated that it is only an authority of his dearly beloved "church" that so designates it. But if the sin of voting for him is "mortal," what must the sinner himself that is thus voted for be! If however, to give it another turn, the sin is but "mortal," like all other mortal things, it will be short-lived and will doubtless soon pass away. Not so the sin of the bishops, however, who thus preach and teach. Their all-pervading, widespread sin of "formulating error" will be much more likely to be "immortal;" that is, undying in its criminal issues and penal consequences, both to the hierarchy and to those who, blindly led by them, will ultimately fall with them into the same "pit" of perdition.

But let us, to use an appropriate word furnished us by pope Pious, refer to some more of their hierarchical and churchly "ravings." The following refers to the popish conquest of the United States: "Undoubtedly it is the intention of the pope to possess this country. In this intention he is aided by the Jesuits and all the Catholic prelates and priests."—*Brownson's Review*, May, 1864. "You should do all in your power to carry out the intentions of his Holiness, the pope. Where you have the electoral franchise, give your votes to none but those who assist you in so holy a struggle."—*Daniel O'Connell*. The Rev. L. L. Pickett, in his "Danger