

Divine truth of the doctrine and decency of worship than perhaps in any other part of Christendom.

Our own Church in these British Provinces of America participates in the general activity. It is striving after organisation with a view to self-sustenance and united action. Its deliverance from dependence on the State, whose constitution essentially differs now from what it was when the connexion commenced, is, under God, likely to be an advantage. The allegiance of the people to their spiritual Mother being seen to be a thing independent of legislative enactments, will become intelligent; and the duty incumbent on every individual to contribute systematically, according to his means, to the furtherance of Christianity, will be duly taught and recognized. The different Christian communions by which we are surrounded partake of the energy which, as we have seen, is actuating the respective bodies with which they correspond in the parent-state. According to the light and conviction of each, they are aiming to maintain among our rapidly-growing population the knowledge and practice of the religion of our Lord.

The neighbouring Republic of the United States presents a scene which, in a Christian point of view, is a vigorous counterpart of all that we have noticed as going on in their and our common fatherland. Their missions and dioceses now reach the Pacific. From them, and from our own West Indian diocese of Barbados, the light of Revelation is being conveyed to the western shores of Africa. From them, as well as from ourselves, South America also is receiving the influence of a true Christianity.

We have taken a rapid glance at the provinces of Christendom. We have seen that throbbings of a fresh life are observable in each; and that the predicted day seems to be dawning upon us when all nations shall "subscribe with their hands unto the Lord, and surname themselves by the name of Israel." Everywhere agencies are at work tending to produce this result. Our conscientious convictions may not allow us, in every instance, to cooperate with these. But where this is the case, our Lord's words—"Forbid them not"—uttered to his disciples under somewhat analagous circumstances, furnish us with a practical and consolatory rule of action. Who are we that we should dictate to the All-Wise how He shall work? When the ancient Churches, for the most part, fail to meet the exigencies of the times, and refuse to rouse themselves when their action is most needed, shall not God in His providence raise up extraordinary instruments to do that which it appertained to them to do? Still we cannot forget our duty to her whom He has made our spiritual Mother. We cannot forget our duty to the respective historical bodies which, throughout the world, are "her fellows." We cannot seek their dissolution, but must do our best to foster the returning vitality which is manifesting itself in them—in the belief, that He who is the same yesterday, to-day and forever, will yet use them as rallying-points of unity in the day when Christendom shall cease to