

amply sufficient to indicate how generally the system of weekly offering is commending itself to those who are giving it a fair trial. With such facts as these coming to their knowledge, the Committee on Systematic Beneficence feel much encouraged; and they are under the impression that one of the most effective ways of advancing the movement is simply to submit them to the church, and let them produce their legitimate effect in carrying conviction to the hearts of all our people. These facts seem to prove at least this much, that where a majority of any congregation have sufficient faith in God and in each other, to make the experiment, and are fully determined to show their faith by their works, they need have no fear of failure. Such a congregation prove that "God is able to make all grace abound to them, that they always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work. Being enriched in everything to all bountifulness, which causeth, through us, thanksgiving to God."

FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

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It may serve the cause of righteousness and liberty to give your readers the following facts and statements in relation to the Evangelization of Roman Catholics. The time of my visit to the Maritime Provinces being necessarily brief, I beg to submit the following :

The great command to propagate the Gospel had mainly in view the outlying Heathen, serving dumb idols; but these Eighteen Centuries have developed a vast and vicious Apostasy from the Gospel of Jesus Christ, fitly designated; "The Roman Papacy;" and while with one arm we are gathering in the Heathen, with the other we must seek to enclose the devotees of the more subtle, but not less God-dishonouring Papacy.

The fulness of the times in papal development has come in the dogma of Infallibility; the top stone of the building has been laid, and the proclamation has gone forth that the Pope in his own person is

supreme in authority; to teach all people, dictate to all Kings and to control all governments, waiting his time for its exercise.

The church is but the passive instrumentality to execute this authority and compass these designs; the Bishops, nearest the source, have been robbed of any liberty they ever had—the priests next to them are their blind servants, and the people are fed with lies by the Priests through the confessional.

Submission is the Alpha and Omega of the Apostasy; submission is the ever-present demand: sleepless and unwearied, it presses not more on the people than on the Bishops. This is carried out into the progress of the times—has developed itself into a papal monomania. This last word interpreted means the government of the state by the Prieshood, the priesthood by the Bishops, and they by the Pope, and the Pope by the Jesuits. The system they represent is pervaded by a religious "Trichina," worming itself into the dead body—feeding on the corruption itself creates, "loving darkness rather than light," easily seducing the time-serving in religion, education, business and politics. This absolutism embodied in the Pope, girding the globe and deceiving the nations is the outstanding figure of the times. The Dominion of Canada not less than others feel the grasp.

This culmination of the Apostasy points to the crisis of the great Providential plan, and proclaims to the church of Christ, that it is high time to awake out of sleep; it is not enough as in the past century to be on the indifferently defensive, parrying the blow, and at the eleventh hour throw off our lethargy; but to go with the ancient and ever authoritative demand, "Let my people go that they may serve me, and if thou refuse to let them go behold *I will smite* all thy borders with frogs." The smiting is going on—hence the Anathemas of the Council; rather of the Pope, for the Council was but a show to see the Pope put the crown on his own head, to wrest the sceptre from Jesus Christ, and snatch the palladium of liberty from the nature of