

material came into contact with them. Luther seized the material, removed the ashes and he found in his hand a torch which he lifted high until it lit Europe. Before his time there were discontented men, but they were timid. They were reluctant to meddle with old systems and institutions. They tried to reform the clergy, to rid them of sensuality and crime. Attempts were made to purify doctrine. These efforts to put new cloth on old garments and new wine into old bottles proved sad failures. It was only when men went back to the simplicity of Apostolic teaching for doctrine, and the soul was brought to feel its individual and personal responsibility to God that the true remedy was discovered. There were schisms and rivalries in the Romish Church. The same is true of the Romish Church of Quebec to-day.

We must be patient. We must be bold. The Reformation had its origin in many small streams, streams which appeared to have no affinity for each other and were flowing in various directions. But they were phases of the same movement. They had their source in the same fountain, discontent with existing conditions. They were forcing their way to the same ocean, the ocean of truth. They at length united and became the mighty river of the Reformation. From the time that the first voices were raised in protest at the corruptions of the Church until the loud blast of Luther awakened Germany and Europe would seem a long time. From the course of events then we should learn lessons of patience and determination. Chiniquy and McGlynn have lifted their voices. Others will follow. Protestants must commend their religion to the world. They must be strong and fearless. They must let their faith have full exercise. They must have faith in their religion. Christianity needs no government patronage to prop it. It stands self-supported in the affections and life of believers. The services of the sanctuary, the Sabbath School and the home are the nurseries of religion. Through these agencies the Truth must be taught. To these we must look for religious training. With these we must work that we may have a religious, God-fearing people, who will seek for their rulers men who are good and true.

To conclude:—If there is no readjustment of the anomalous privileges allowed to ecclesiastical bodies in Quebec, the future of Quebec, as well as of the whole Dominion, will be one of weakness and retrogression which is the inevitable destiny of all countries held under papal control. If on the other hand our Statesmen, Catholic