

circulated about Luther, as to whom libels are set in circulation by the thousand. These Romish lies must of course be refuted; otherwise it would be said that we had nothing to reply to them. And in this, the church at home must sustain the missionaries. But of yet greater value is the sword of the word of God. The controversy revolves around Christ. The fundamental Roman Catholic doctrines need to be tested in the light of Scripture. In this must our main polemics consist.

IV. Do not make reprisals and use no carnal weapons. We do not imitate the Romish intrigues; nor do we aim at proselytizing the Roman Catholic converts from heathenism, nor do we intrude into their congregations. If any chance to come over, prove them searchingly as to their sincerity. Violent or crafty expulsion of the Romanists is not to be approved. Our weapons are: God's Word, Prayer, Watchfulness, Faithfulness in the care of souls.

V. Establish your own congregation firmly upon Scripture and Christ, and

VI. Make every effort for (1) a well-established school; (2) a solidly constituted body of native teachers and preachers; (3) a people educated to actual independence; (4) a community purified from all and every leaven of Romanism. Fortification of our camp is the best assurance against Romish attacks. Our Christians succumb to Romanizing temptations most easily when they are like weak little children; they must therefore from the very beginning be established on sure ground. And this sure ground is Christ and the Scripture. Only on this ground do solid conversions come to pass. Of happy effect also is the celebration of the Reformation festival. A capable body of native preachers is the backbone of the native church. Jesuitism has few native clergymen. Let the training to independence be always steadily kept in view, but not in unpedagogic precipitancy be forced into a hot-house precocity.

VII. Finally, maintain brotherly unity among the various Protestant missionary societies. Our dissensions are the strength of Rome. The author of the paper is not pleading for oneness of uniform, or schemes of diplomatic union or alliance, but for brotherly unity over against Rome, for mutual forbearance, for avoidance of collisions.

In the ensuing debate there was an abundance of additional facts detailed, illustrating not less the extent than the boldness and recklessness of the Roman counter-mission. Besides gifts of money by which people are bought outright, a principal means of success is found in tolerance towards the carnal appetencies of the old Adam.

Especially in the Kohl Kolb Mission, the number of Jesuits has grown from three in 1875 to twenty-five in 1888, and these boast, in the most high-flying bulletins of victory, of having already received 50,000 Kolbs into the bosom of the Roman Catholic church, no doubt