

an exact transcript of the words of the Pope, in its account of the errors condemned,—just as would be natural in what is an index for reference.”—*Dr. Newman.*

The original text condemning Liberals, is given above, and the *syllabus* cannot alter it in any manner.

I cannot bring these pages to a close without again quoting from Dr. Newman :

“There are those among us, (Catholics,) as it must be confessed, who for years past, have conducted themselves as if no responsibility attached to wild words and overbearing deeds ; who have stated truths in the most paradoxical form, and stretched principles till they were close upon snapping, and who, at length, having done their best to set the house on fire, leave to others the task of putting out the flame. The English people are sufficiently sensitive of the claims of the Pope without having them, as if in defiance, flourished in their faces. The Rock of St. Peter on its summit enjoys a pure and serene atmosphere, but there is a great deal of Roman *malaria* at the foot of it. What I feel deeply and ever shall feel, while life lasts, is the violence and cruelty of journals and other publications which taking, as they profess to do the Catholic side, employed themselves by their rash language, (though of course they did not mean it so,) in unsettling the weak in faith, throwing back inquirers and shocking the Protestant mind. Nor do I speak of publications only : a feeling was too prevalent in many high places that no one could be true to God and His Church who had any pity on troubled soul or any scruple of ‘scandalizing those little ones who believe in’ Christ, and of ‘despising and destroying him for whom He died.’”

Finally I quote from the Pastoral of the Swiss Bishops, which received the approbation of His Holiness :

“It in no way depends upon the caprice of the Pope, or upon his good pleasure to make such and such a doctrine the object of a dogmatic definition ; he is tied up and limited to the divine revelation and to the truth, which that revelation contains ; he is tied up and limited by the creeds already in existence and by the preceding definitions of the church ; he is tied up and limited by the divine law and by the constitution of the church ; *lastly he is tied up and limited by that doctrine, divinely revealed, which affirms that alongside religious society there is civil society, that alongside the Ecclesiastical Hierarchy there is the power of temporal magistrates, invested in their own domain with a full sovereignty, and to whom we owe obedience in conscience, and respect in all things, morally permitted and belonging to the domain of Civil Society.*”

Montreal, March, 1876.