

of 15th September, 1864, the terms of which are too recent to be recalled here.

The Catholic Church, the depository, and teacher of faith, sound doctrine, and guardian of morals, has always raised her voice against injustice, both in kings and peoples, and condemns all revolutionary societies, no matter in what country, as detrimental to public peace and the real interests of society. Revolution, properly defined, is the rebellion of people against a legitimate sovereign, ruling for the good and not for the destruction of a people.

Do we find this teaching of the Church seconded by persons in high positions, by statesmen and a very large portion of the press? It is in shame that we have to record the contrary. For revolutionary societies in their own countries, they call for repression by all the terrors of the force of arms, of imprisonment and death. For like Societies in other countries, there is nothing but praise and assistance in money and arms. We all remember with what an ovation Garibaldi was received in England, visited by royalty, feted by many of the nobles of the land, and enlogised by the press. Menotti, the son of Garibaldi, lately thanked his generous and patriotic friends in England, for money, without which, he could not carry on the war, forsooth, of independance. What would be said if the Head Centres of the Fenians were received in Rome, as Garibaldi was received in England? We are not at all surprised that our gracious and noble Queen refused to name with her own lips, in the late ministerial speech from the throne, these Garibaldians, or to dignify them as a band of Italian volunteers. What would not be the just indignation of all good Englishmen were the Holy Father, in an Allocution to his Cardinals and to the whole Catholic world, to give to the Fenians, after the skirmage of Ridgeway, the encouraging name of *Irish Volunteers*, and to express a hope that the U. S. Government would withdraw its army of observation from their territory bordering on Canada.

We must warn sinners and speak the truth; and who will do it, if the Bishops of the Catholic Church remain silent? It is the part of the highest loyalty and religion to warn the people of the danger of fostering the seeds of revolution. Arson and assassination are modes of warfare imported into the British Isles from the Italian school of revolution. We did not expect to suffer from lessons taught there—but revolution is revolution all over the world. When a man blows the coals for his neighbor's destruction, may not a spark fly in his own face and blind him? May not the teaching and exam-