

matters of dogma or Faith. I am a friend to civil and religious liberty all the world around, and would defend my principles, I hope, if needs be, at any sacrifice. It is well indeed for us all that toleration is becoming universal and that men are ceasing to hate each other for His sake, and that a good and Christian spirit is day by day finding itself into men's hearts and understandings. But like the rest of those things which man disposes, there are exceptions to the rule, and one of those exceptions is I fear, the Rev. Mr. Bray, of Zion Church, Montreal. Like myself he is a new comer to Canada, and like myself he too was here before he thought that in Zion Church he would make a name, and in its precincts, find a local habitation. This gentleman then has attempted to heap ridicule and contempt upon the Church of Rome, and in my humble way I am here this evening with Defence and not Defiance as my motto. I see around me too such a gathering of the clans that I feel I am not alone, and that the Catholics of Montreal, one and all, say with me that the pastor of Zion Church has grossly and gratuitously insulted our Faith. Our Church was "despotic" and "Romish," and "used every weapon that would serve for the hour." In the person of our Church, "the flesh and the devil had taken holy orders." It was "Popery" and "Priestcraft." The Pope although Infallible, "was not happy" and the Church again "was a colossus of crime." The Papal court at Avignon was the "most voluptuous in Europe," the Jesuits should be turned out of Canada, and the priests in Spain would soon leave "her ancient halls of chivalry" because there was not much spoil to get there. The clergy had "bestial passions" they "broke marriage vows," "invented miracles," and "spared nothing" in order that they might wallow in riches. And yet, this gentleman said that he had no intention of of-