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"THE RE-WRITING OF HISTORY"

"The Knights of Columbus have set out to secure the re-writing of United States history. The plea is that the present histories are untrustworthy, but the purpose is evidently to secure such histories for Roman Catholic schools as shall say what the Church thinks ought to be said."—The Christian Guardian.

gave religious liberty to the United States when the Maryland Assembly in 1649, passed an Act of Toleration granting freedom of worship to all denominations. But the facts are that the Maryland Assembly that year was overwhelmingly Protestant, there being only four Roman Catholic members, all of whom objected to the Act of Toleration.

by the red men. Of the dissenters, though they seem as yet to have been without a minister, their rights were not abridged. This enjoyment of liberty of conscience did not spring from any act of colonial legislation, nor from any formal and general edict of the governor, nor from any oath as yet imposed by the instructions of the proprietary.

foundation was confirmed by its statutes. "Well might the freemen of Maryland place upon their records an acknowledgment of gratitude to their proprietary, as a memorial to their posterity, and a pledge that succeeding generations would faithfully 'remember his care and industry in advancing 'the peace and happiness of the colony.'"

a great nation at such a time and under such circumstances. The reader of this speech will find himself wondering as much after he has read it as he was before, how the situation arose; and he will not find an adequate explanation of that in the speech no matter how often he reads it over.

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The Guardian continues: "For instance, the claim is that the Roman Church in Maryland first

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