

PREFACE.

AT a time like the present when many Protestants seem to have become almost oblivious of the priceless boon of religious liberty, which has been won for them by the life's-blood of their forefathers, when the heroic deeds of the noble army of martyrs who perished at the hands of the Church of Rome rather than submit to its monstrous fallacies seem to be well-nigh forgotten, it is refreshing to read such a clear and unmistakable declaration as that made in the following confession.

Having been for fifty years in the Church of Rome, Father Chiniquy was well qualified surely to judge of its inner workings, and he spoke with no uncertain sound. His scathing exposures of the vile practices of this gigantic system of iniquity are unanswerable and ought to make all Protestants worthy of the name strain every effort in the struggle against this mighty foe of humanity.

May the Christians of this country rise as one man, and standing shoulder to shoulder meet this impious and implacable enemy of the Cross of Christ. We need not dread the issue of such a conflict. The fight may be fierce, but the armies of the Lord are against the forces of idolatry and superstition; they are marshalled on the side of the champions of truth and purity, and sooner or later they are bound to win the day!

When we read in our newspapers of the inroads of the Church of Rome, and hear of her arrogance and presumption on every hand, we are sometimes tempted to think that Protestants will never wake from the death-like sleep into which they have been soothed.

But the "darkest hour is just before the dawn."

Perhaps the following earnest words from him, "who, being dead, yet speaketh," may bear some little share in sounding the "reveille"!