

they were competent to fill better positions? You may think as you please about them, but I am sure that they are not of much force or of much use in this world."

"Inferior class! did you say, John? Do you know who the missionaries of this world have been? And do you not know something of the good they have done? The Blessed Saviour Himself was a missionary—the Great Missionary—to suffering humanity, and by His teachings, His pure and spotless life, and by offering Himself a sacrifice for sin, opened the way from death to life to all who will accept the terms of His mission. The Apostles and their successors were able and faithful missionaries, and coming down through the centuries, thousands of good and true men have spent their lives in proclaiming the glad tidings. There are at this time, in this and in foreign lands, many of the best and purest men who are doing missionary work, and these men are fitted by education, experience, and intellectual vigor to fill the highest positions that could be given. They are actuated by a grand and glorious motive, and, as a class, there are no better men to be found. Even bishops are human, and if occasionally one is found who will treat the city rector with great consideration, and give but little attention to the missionaries who are under him, it only proves the weakness of human nature."

It is a good plan to say as little as possible about that of which one knows absolutely nothing.

The two best rules for a system of rhetoric are: First, have something to say; and next, say it.

CATHOLIC VERSUS ROMAN

Not many years since there was a great anti-papal gathering in Exeter Hall, London. Popular feeling ran high at some supposed threatening of the religious liberties of the country.

A famous speaker took the platform amid applause, and some heavy blows were rightly expected against the Upas tree of mediæval tyranny and corruption. The very first words of the great speaker were these:

"I have spent the greater part of my life, with all the powers I possess, in contending against and striving to put down the Catholic Faith!"

In the blank silence that followed this remarkable declaration a fine voice squeaked out from a distant corner some very familiar words:

"Which faith, except every one do keep whole and undefiled, without doubt, he shall perish everlastingly."

It was an awkward position for an English Christian to be in; but we respectfully submit that the radical nobleman, though a most earnest and good man, richly deserved the mortification and confusion which for a few moments he suffered for thus willingly abusing his mother-tongue, falsifying history, flattering the enemy, and pandering to a senseless popular error. Had he not on every occasion of public worship solemnly avowed before God and man, "I believe in the Holy Catholic Church!" Was there the least reason or authority for him thus to stultify himself before the world?
—*Church Press.*

Youth is the season of hope, enterprise and energy to a nation as well as an individual.