

doctrines," or modern spiritism; "mataiologies," or vain-talkings; "kenophanies," or empty babblings; lubricated "pithanologies," or enticing words of man's wisdom, like Matthew Arnold's monoculous and dudistic "sweetness and light"; "antilogies," or gainsayings of the truth; "pseudologies," or downright lies; "diatribes," "gangrene," and "zetetics"; "logomachies," withal, or wars of words, from which it comes to blows; then "hyperongkas," or great swelling words of vanity, a ballooning terminology, the proud outriders of a troop of "damnable heresies," preached, pushed and propagated, by "ungodly men," "deceitful workers," "false prophets," "filthy dreamers," "soul-subverting spies," men "sensual, not having the spirit"; "scoffers," ventilating Nature's continuity and uniformity; "apostates," "liars," "wolves," "myopic" guides, or "blind," "pseudochrists" and "antichrists," "philosophers" and "fools," all hostile to the "Cross of Christ," devoted to their "belly-god" and "minding earthly things"; "false teachers" filled with "the spirit of error," tickling all ear-itching people, and snaring silly souls; "boasting," "beguiling," "bewitching," "entangling," "puffing," "destroying";—now gliding with a serpentine cunning, or sly subtle creeping encroachment, glistening as they go, and fascinating as they move;—now, marching, head up, Orgoglio-like, with giant strut, their crown sky-touching, and their foot horizon-reaching; evolving sesquipedalian words akin to modern Kantian cataputies, dumbfounding poor uncosmic minds; and all impelled by "Satan" metamorphosed to angelic form and light; the father of "that Wicked," self-exalting, God-opposing "Man of Sin," predicted to appear in later times, the master of the "mystery of iniquity," and the last "apostasy," and whom "the Lord shall consume with the spirit of His mouth, and destroy with the brightness of His coming!" What a vision have we here of "ancient skepticism," and the Church's battle with it! Not an error is there in modern days whose photograph may not be found within the covers of the apostolic page. Atheist, deist, pantheist, materialist, positivist, agnostic, naturalist, mythist, demonist, spiritist, rationalist, ritualist, evolutionist — in short, anti-supranaturalism and infranaturalism full-blown, then as now, meet us everywhere. Oriental and Javanic wisdom had already corrupted Hebrew thought. The free-thinker and formalist, the cosmic Rabbi and the Scribe, the skeptic and the new theologian, "seducers waxing worse and worse," lived, moved, and had their being in those days. The first two centuries saw all that Garden and Lyceum, Academy and Porch, could do to overthrow "the truth as it is in Jesus." With her own hand, the "woman" had hid the "leaven," in the meal—the food intended for God's children—and corrupted every doctrine of the Holy Word!

And how did the early "Pulpit"—rather, how did the humble preacher (for the Church had neither "pulpit" nor "edifice" for two