

fore the world more like savages than enlightened men.

I do not come here to upbraid you, brethren. I accept for myself and my Catholic fellow countrymen our full share of whatever blame or odium attaches to the disgraceful deeds that have been the fruit of our disgraceful training. It is our training that has been wrong. Had we been bred as we should have been, we would have the feelings and the instincts of cultivated men and not of the most ferocious animals. We were blinded by ignorant or interested teachers. There were behind us those whom we blindly obeyed as masters, and they drove us headlong to disgrace and fratricide. Be those political, or be they religious teachers, they merit from us but contempt and execration.

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I do not charge that religion, as such, made us the fiends we have proved ourselves ; but I do emphatically charge that in the garb of religion certain men have served the devil by secretly instilling bigotry, which is ever sure to reveal itself in atrocity. Our most bitter denunciations upon the political system that, to promote injustice, would range brother against brother ; and may swift and absolute perdition follow any so-called religion that finds its bulwark in the bigotry it engenders.

Having said this much to convince you that it is the highest, and the purest, and the holiest motives that could actuate a mortal that have led me before you this morning—motives of