

number of the best scholars among the Anglican and other denominations, with all their numerous adherents, boldly and outspokenly deny the dogma. In Scotland the latent religious element has lately become aroused and many of the most intelligent class are found in sympathy with the sentiments of the Rev. David McRae. In Holland about one half the population are found in dissent.

It is true that in the Southern part of the United States we do not find much open expression of liberal sentiment. But among the more intelligent portions of the Western and New England States liberal opinions on religious subjects are fast becoming predominant. There the great Congregational Church is now being agitated from centre to circumference on this important subject, and many of the most profound scholars among the clergy of all parties openly repudiate the doctrine of unceasing torture as unscriptural and unreasonable. The Rev. Mr. McDonnell, of Toronto, is but a representative of many thousands of good and sincere christians, even in this Dominion, who, either openly or in their inner-conscientiousness, protest against it. We might also include in our list the numerous and noble phalanx of scientific men in all parts of the world—the most unbiassed and laborious seekers for truth both in nature and revelation. We know that *science* ignores the existence of hell and chemistry finds better uses for sulphur. Still the whole aggregated concourse above enumerated, who are at present found in the foremost ranks laboring to dissipate ignorance, intolerance, superstition and bigotry—the greatest evils with which humanity has ever been afflicted—from the world, and the most intelligent and successful seekers for reform in all the departments of temperance and slavery, and all civil and moral reforms, are included in the author's superlatively wicked and immoral list. But is it not, I ask, a motive for devout gratitude to our Father in Heaven that he has raised up such a noble army to stem the tide of superstition, intolerance and clerical domination with which our christendom has in previous times been overspread? Is it not clearly demonstrated that it is to the independent miuds, who in former times have sacrificed their lives and liberties in opposing the powerful combinations of superstition and