

through the medium of the press. Now that the feelings aroused by these strifes have subsided, it would be interesting to know if those who taxed him with 'excessive zeal for peace' would not now accuse him as its violator.

Cardinal Taschereau himself felt that polemical wrangling evoked the spirit of discontent. He realized from personal experience the true import of these words of St. Chrysostome : "The bishop is in everybody's mouth." He was severely criticized, reviled, and calumniated. Not so very long ago, his adversaries circulated a report that he was a Freemason ; in fact, in 1884, I met a catholic journalist in Rome who believed the rumour. At this writing no one would credit so monstrous a calumny.

His adversaries are free to surmise that in certain critical conjunctures, our eminent prelate may have erred : *humanum est errare*. We ourselves have considered that some of his polemical encounters should have been differently conducted ; that it was possible to surmount difficulties and avoid regrettable discussions with less tension of the amenities. But human perfection is unattainable, and men's temperaments not always docile to the whisperings of conscience or reason.

Be this as it may, in all he did he only consulted the welfare of the Church, his inevitable war-cry being : *Pro Deo et patria*.

One day he defined the meaning of this war-cry by citing the axiom of the celebrated Dr. Brownson, who once said : "*Pro patria quia pro Deo ; et pro Deo quia pro patria*."

His whole episcopal career has been an elucidation of this felicitous interpretation of the latin device.

That Cardinal Taschereau is endowed with the rarest qualities of head and heart is undeniable. His judgment is sound and well balanced, trained for calm and dispassionate appreciation. His bright parts and scholarly attainments have been developed by constant study. He was ever a diligent reader and lover of books, believing that a bishop should be the beacon-light of his fold.

His sound judgment is supplemented by a stern sense of justice. He knows how to temper apostolical zeal by charity ; and when he censures, he censures without undue acrimony or passion.

He is ever ready to aid in any undertaking for the benefit of his creed or country. When his presence is required to shed lustre on