

which he has never had the courtesy to answer).

Why does he not proclaim from his pulpit the divinity of Christ and other doctrines of Christianity, and leave to public speakers the discussion of the topics of the day? Why does he not practise elementary Christian charity even towards his Catholic fellow-citizens?

But the most logical answer to Dr. Gordon's fables is this extract from a clever satire in the Protestant "North Toronto Times:"

"Every historical liar since the days of Ananias has found it good business to put one over on the Jesuits."

Conclusion.

As a fitting conclusion to this series of lectures let me offer to your earnest consideration a question proposed by a Protestant pastor, the Rev. Dr. F. Lynch, in the New York "Christian Work and Evangelist," and his own answer in these words:

"Is our attitude towards the Catholic Church," he asks, "to be one of hostility and prejudice, such as our fathers entertained, or one of utmost cordiality and friendliness as to one of the same faith as ourselves?"

"Are we going to waste our energies fighting a church which follows the same Master, or unite with them against the common enemy of all good?"

And this is his answer:

"When we see the paganism in our great cities, the utter indifference to religion of thousands of men, the worship of pleasure and the frenzy of the masses over sports, the frivolity of our modern life, the growing evil of divorce, the lessening sense of sin, the graft and corruption in business, the heedlessness of law amounting almost to anarchy, the denial on all sides of the sacrificial life as the true creed of humanity, we thank God that the Catholic Church is strong, for she is set like a flint against all these real menaces of our modern life.

"We had infinitely rather see her

churches multiplying in Chicago than to see the low music halls, the gorgeous cafes, the halls of pleasure, and gilded halls of champagne and vice, and theaters, given over to nastiness, multiplying on every side. We had a thousand times rather see her preachers of judgment and of the righteousness God demands of men, preaching on every corner than to have Nietzsche, Bernard Shaw, and Mrs. Glyn gaining increasing hold upon our people. This is what we Protestants have got to remember.

"We Christians have got a long, arduous, and fierce task before us in this century of combating the all-prevalent materialism with idealism, the widespread Epicureanism with the gospel of service and of mission. Are we going to waste our energy and our feelings in hating that which, in spite of some doctrines and practises, which we dislike, is with us, on our side, instead of welcoming any ally in the fight against the sin of the world?"

"For, fundamentally, the Roman Church believes as we do: God, righteousness, the sacrificial life, the forgiveness of sin, Christ the only Saviour of humanity, the unparted life of God, eternity in our hearts, the immortality of the soul.

"We count as our friend and fellow worker the great and good Cardinal Gibbons, when he says that the Catholic Church 'stands for law and order, for liberty, for social justice, for purity. It works for the loyal observance of the Constitution, and obedience to the government. It seeks to make better citizens, to destroy civic corruption, to spread the doctrines of right living and right thinking. It uses its vast influence to incorporate into the body politic the hordes of immigrants that come through our gates. By word and action it propagates the virtues of justice and charity.'

"For our part, we have no time to waste in hating another Christian Church while we stand almost despairing before the thousand enemies of Christ."