

carefully expressed sentiments of a Protestant, when these sentiments are phrased in language which is dignified and courteous and evidently offered in a spirit of Christian conciliation. Let us be frank—there are some things which a Protestant may learn from a Roman Catholic. Let us be reasonable—there are some things which a Roman Catholic may learn from a Protestant.

Let us be honest with each other—there are Roman Catholics who are narrow and there are Protestants who are rabid. The rabid Protestant will hardly be satisfied with what I have to say and the sensitive Roman Catholic will be offended because of my speech. But I am not worrying about either. Get reasonable men on your side and you need have no fear concerning the folks who are unreasonable. The whole time in the possession of any division of modern Christianity can be no growth or progress mental exchange. The man who says "It all" has locked the door to the face of Truth.

Because a man speaks in the vocabulary of a strong conviction he is not therefore bitter. Because a man speaks in language which is clear, distinct, positive and of such a sort as not to be misunderstood he is not therefore your enemy. The dangerous man is not the man who is plain spoken. Blunt men are usually honest men who would rather cross a lot than turn a corner. There are scores of Roman Catholics in this audience this evening. I am sure they would have me speak plainly. I presume you came here for that purpose. Let me give you the Protestant point of view. Let me tell you how "We" feel about it.

All things tend toward democracy. Democracy when crystalized results in an institution called the State. The State is sovereign. In the realm of all legislative enactment "the voice of the people is the voice of God." There can be but one State for every recognized and nationalized division of the race. A State within a State is a political paradox. The sovereign State is strong enough to support two sovereign flags. The principle of the separation of Church and State is not a "Protestant" principle, it is a universal principle. The State stands for all and guarantees to every man the rights of citizenships.

Among all the rights of citizenship, the dearest right, is the right to worship God after the dictates of one's own conscience. This right, the State guarantees to every man, so long as in the conscientious exercise of his right he does not encroach upon the conscience of another. Were there ten million people in Canada and every one among the ten millions a Chris-