

"are in open contradiction to the Divine Law, if they command anything prejudicial to the Church or hostile to the duties imposed by religion, or violate in the person of the Supreme Pontiff the authority of Jesus Christ, then indeed it is a duty to resist them and a crime to obey them, a crime fraught with injury to the State itself, for every offence against religion recoils on the State. To love the two fatherlands, the earthly and the heavenly, but in such a manner that the love of the heavenly prevails over that of the other, and that human laws are not preferred to the law of God, such is the essential duty of Christians, from which spring, as from their source, all other duties." When the theological froth is blown away, the meaning is that the ecclesiastical power is above the civil power, and that when the commands of the two conflict the ecclesiastical power must be obeyed. Hildebrand and Innocent III. could want nothing more; neither of them professed insatiable ambition; they only upheld as divine the principle by which insatiable ambition was warranted. Is it intolerance to demur to such pretensions? Are not they who call it intolerance using the pretence of superior intolerance as a cloak for the betrayal of one of the great organic principles of modern civilization?

—If after the Reformation any Teutons remained Roman Catholics it was through accident or pressure; accident such as the isolation of the Mountain Cantons of Switzerland, or pressure such as that of the House of Austria on its German dominions, or that of France on the Palatinate. Dollinger belonged to the land and race of Luther. But, like Erasmus, though in a far more earnest spirit, he sought to reform the vast structure of medieval superstition without fundamental change. The attempt was hopeless and the Old Catholic movement is buried in the great scholar's grave. But we must not think that the life of a man who has tried a path for us is wasted because the experiment fails. It is only by try-