

acy against truth." They thought the Church was dead and buried, when, in fact, she was full of life, and though repressed, cast down and persecuted, she was renewing her youth and battling successfully with the powers of evil, both within and without. The forces of rebellion have spent themselves, or, rather, they have developed their true character and tendencies, and it begins to be seen clearly that Protestantism is essentially rebellious; that it tends to infidelity and disintegration, while, on the other hand, the old persecuted and maligned Church is looming up with a prestige and a grandeur which command the admiration and the homage of mankind. Donoso Cortes remarked that "The history of civilization is the history of Christianity, and the history of Christianity is the history of the Catholic Church, and the history of the Catholic Church is the history of the Pontiffs, the greatest law givers and rulers of the Christian world." Look at the line of illustrious Pontiffs who for the last three hundred years have laboured earnestly and successfully for the reformation of morals and manners and the revival of true religion in the hearts of the people. Look at the galaxy of saints and doctors and holy men of God, who have co-operated in this glorious work. Look

at the numerous religious orders, male and female, who have abandoned the world, and all the world holds, to devote themselves to the improvement of society and the good of mankind. Above all, contemplate the illustrious hierarchy of the Church, that compact organization which extends its ramifications to the remotest corners of the earth, and everywhere proclaims itself the friend of the poor, the advocate of national sentiment.

While Protestantism is impotent either definitely and satisfactorily to solve the great social problems which now agitate the minds of the masses, or to stem the tide of radicalism and anarchism which threaten to involve society in inextricable confusion and disintegration, the grand old Church of the ages, laden with the accumulated wisdom of the past, having long since met and solved the most intricate problems of human society and human government, steps forth in her majesty and speaks to the heart and conscience of mankind in clear and distinct utterance which cannot be mistaken, and in tones of authority which commend her decisions to the universal acceptance of all candid men. Blessed is the nation that listens reverently to that voice, for "Blessed is the people whose God is the LORD."—*Catholic Review, Brooklyn.*

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