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at uti parati sint impendere opes, detes, vitae otia, vitam ipsam amori Domini Nostri Jesu Christi, utilitati Ecclesiae et sanctificationi fratrum suorum; deinde divina superabundans fiducia, in agone procedent delectantur usque ad intercessionem, pro maiore sanctissimi et tremendissimi Nominis eius gloria."

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Infallibility of the voice which declared it to be the word of God? And whilst deprecating the infallibility of one representative of Christ in the Church, does not the non-Catholic position, in effect, ascribe infallibility to every Bible reader.

Infallibility, as applied to the Church, and therefore, to her spokesman, is nothing more than freedom from error in teaching, when in the name of God, she defines for the people of the whole world what the precise revelation of God has been.

The infallibility of the Pope is so hedged in with conditions that infallible decisions in the past are hard to find, and not likely to occur in the future except in great emergencies.

Infallibility is not for the Pope, it is nothing that the Church glories in for her own sake; it is for the people. A lawyer will readily recognize the necessity of infallibility, or a supreme court of last resort.

No Protestant could attach weight to New Testament teaching and deny infallibility to the Apostles. "G, teach all nations, and I am with you." Yet they were not to go to work independently, but were to constitute the teaching body of the primitive Church under the leadership of one who would be spokesman in the Church.

Deny a Supreme ruler to the Church here below, and how are disputes to be settled? Deny infallibility to the head of the Church on earth, and there is no possibility of a man knowing whether he believes right or wrong.

Deny divine protection to the voice that speaks in God's name, and the Church has no right to command submission. If I were a member of no church, and wanted to know the truth, none but an infallible Church would have any attraction for me; not to claim infallibility would be equivalent to an admission that the Church might teach me wrong.

Then the multitude misapprehend. Take a name truly great in some department of life but in no way connected with the rostrum and let it be used in bad grammar and worse rhetoric and the thousands will declare that they heard true speech. Quacks take advantage of this feature and put on the stage some notorious character wherewith to make money.

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American eloquence, largely through political speaking, is fast becoming the art of toadying to audiences, and in the same ratio a flattery of their indifference to high ideals. Whatever makes them laugh is deemed wit; whatever makes them cry is considered pathos; whatever makes them cheer passes for highest passion.

speakers was lodged in the fact that they hid effort; they never reached out to their hearers and never ceased thinking of them; they thought of their art and carefully regarded all its obligations upon them—all this with the audience to the contrary that takes flattery as truth and buncombe as sincerity.

The American orator is a power for good and should ever spur the false and the base in his art and in his life—the one for the sake of his God, the other for the sake of the people.

Speaking of orators and oratory, the less gifted who try to make a virtue of a necessity, attempt to pretend that the whole process of public speaking is chaff with nothing practical in its character. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

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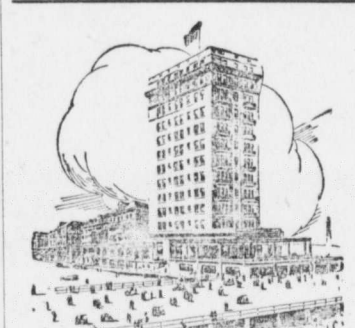
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