

"The constitution of the Church of Rome may be considered *the most formidable combination that was ever formed against the authority and security of civil government*, as well as against the liberty, reason, and happiness of mankind." <sup>1</sup>

Peace and prosperity are impossible under Papal and priestly rule, as all history attests. "The Papacy," says Prince Bismarck, "has ever been a *political power* which, with the greatest audacity and with the most momentous consequences, has interfered in the affairs of this world." The question before our country now is, whether we are willing to make a further and most decisive advance on the road in which we have already travelled too far, and to grant to an alien and antagonistic political power a most real practical supremacy over five millions of the queen's subjects in Ireland, including a million of loyal Protestants in that land.

I cannot close these lectures without urging you to study this subject more thoroughly, and to get well grounded in your Protestant principles. A dangerous laxity on doctrinal matters marks the present day. Multitudes hardly know what they believe, or why they believe what they do. In

<sup>1</sup> "Wealth of Nations," p. 337.