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It is said to be characteristic of every form of false religion, that its symptoms of incurable decay are so strong that even the votaries themselves feel that the life blood is so certainly diminishing as to require extraordinary efforts to keep up even a decent appearance of healthy vitality. And hence the necessity for occasional efforts on the part of the agents of those false systems, to devise some new mode of operation, in order if possible to infuse a fresh impulse of something like galvanic life. Every scheme of human devising must necessarily fail in providing for man's religious wants, and the ever varying efforts of the votaries of heathenism, show that those who forsake the fountain of living waters, will, under the impulse of unsatisfied desires, spend their strength in the fruitless work of digging out cisterns, which after all their ingenuity and skill, will prove but broken cisterns that can hold no water. The divine system of a pure Christianity is the only one which provides for all the aspirations of the immortal soul, and its capacity to accomplish this end is the same in all ages, in every clime, and for all the tribes and kindreds of earth, and needs only to be made known and its spiritual power realized, to prove its efficiency and universal adaptation.

The decay and languishing condition of Romanism is one of the present signs which betoken its semi-heathenish character. It, too, is going the way of all the earth. The nations that have long bowed to its sway, under its dogmatic pretensions to a Divine authority, are beginning to wake up to a sense of its impious impositions and pernicious results. One of the most serious aspects under which the departing greatness of this system appears at the present time, is the determined opposition that is arising to the temporal power, of the so-called successor of Peter. The uncertain tenure by which Pio Nono holds the triple crown, and his vivid consciousness that one of the swords has lost the polish and edge which once led into submission the most august potentates, and dictated the policy