

Christianity, then, has been corrupted by man, and has not reformed the world—is actually the seat of its greatest corruption, Commerce, a partial civilizer of men, absorbs them with the lowest of motives—money, and is wholly indifferent to truth and moral elevation ; for it, a good man is a man with capital. Education, which also frees from what is gross, has not, with all its pretensions, changed the motives, ameliorated the morals of men, nor even freed from the bonds of superstition, save as it has set aside all positive truth, and every standard of it ; and thus, while wounding infidelity on the one side, riveted the chains of superstition on the other.

I appeal to facts. Is not Popery or Puseyism on the one hand, and infidelity on the other, what stamps the activity of England at the present moment ? It is not otherwise elsewhere. Will God be the idle spectator—whatever His patience with men, and how blessed soever the testimony of His grace—will He be the idle spectator without end of the enslaving power of superstition, and the rebellious rejection of truth by the pretended lovers of truth who cast down all foundations ? He may, He does testify, as long as souls can be won and delivered. But is He to allow the power of evil forever ? He will not. He will allow it to fill up the cup of falsehood and wickedness. He declares that “evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse ;” but they are filling up the cup of wrath for themselves. He is patient till no more can be