

nection with which, there is much doubt and uncertainty in non Catholic minds. What Protestants believe the Catholic Church to be is not the Catholic Church at all. What they generally dislike as Catholic belief is not Catholic belief. The great object of the Catholic Truth Society and its branches, and the object which this society endeavors to take up and promote, is to place before those who are not Catholics simple, inoffensive, plain statements of what Catholic belief really is. I must say that nothing has attracted me more, in connection with the operations of the parent Society in England, than the excellent taste and perfect charity in which their works are prepared. There is nothing in them to offend. They put in the minds of Catholic readers just what the actual facts are, and they put before Protestants plain statements which often make an end of controversy. The field does not extend merely to points of Catholic dogma and points of history, it includes questions of science, in connection with which, there sometimes appears to be contradiction to Catholic belief. From time to time it is the duty of the society to watch the progress of public discussion, and whenever discussion is brought to bear upon any subject, which affects the Catholic religion, to see that Catholic truth is correctly stated and placed before the public eye. This is a most important mission."

"There is also the duty of attending to controversy. I hope that no one, who has been solicited to extend patronage to our society will be at all afraid, that we are going to put on the armor of war, and rush to the attack of our Protestant fellow-citizens. If we did so, we would be stepping beyond the bounds of the Catholic Truth Society's work. We engage in controversy only for the purpose of defence, and for the purpose of stating what our belief is, and the grounds for our belief, when we find that our belief, or the grounds on which our belief rests, are attacked or misrepresented. A great deal has been done by such societies in the way of controversy, not for the purpose of attacking any man's belief, but for the purpose of putting plainly before those who differ from us, what we believe and why we believe it. That certainly can give offence to no man. While I say that the Catholic Truth Society inculcates upon its members great forbearance, let me not be