

where, at the feet of their throne, it pleaded its cause with such eloquence that many overcome by the force of its arguments, cast from them the sceptre of cruelty and barbarity with which they ruled their subjects, and became kind and lenient sovereigns. It succeeded in overturning idolatry and paganism even in Rome itself, the centre and heart of those false sects, and in its place it established that solemn and beautiful worship of the Catholic church. The whole world was soon brought under the yoke of the gospel and commenced to practice the noble and beautiful virtues it enforces. Yes, christian mother, if to-day you are free from the bonds of slavery and the servitude of libertinage, if you are no longer an instrument in the hands of man, if you are no longer an object to satisfy his passions and a being on whom he can wreak his brutality, if you hold to-day such a high position in the world and household, you owe it to the Catholic church, who struggled and fought bravely until she had broken asunder the chains which bound you to bondage. You, mother, who denounce the Catholic church and scoff at her teaching, blush with shame, for you raise your arm to strike your benefactor, without her you would be still plunged in that misery from which she has snatched you, and yet you calumniate her. The christian family, the foundation of national holiness is the work of the Catholic church.

Vice, immorality, disorder and false doctrine are her enemies and battle against them she will and must, it is her mission and she is bound to fulfil it; she is bound to dispel darkness that the pure light of the true doctrine may penetrate the minds of men, To crush out of existence all that is opposed, inconsistent and out of keeping with the law of God is her first aim. Error and vice is incompatible with true happiness, this explains why the Popes who hold the reins of the church in their hands have so many enemies; it is because from the towers of the Vatican, they proclaim the truth, they proclaim and enforce a doctrine incompatible with the passions of men. They never lend a deaf ear to crime be it a monarch or king who may beseech them to do so—An example of this we have in the person of Henry the VIII. king of England.

Let us turn our eyes to-day to Rome, the home of christianity and take a peep into the Vatican, where the Pope, the visible head of the Church, the successor of Peter, the Vicar of Jesus Christ, the common Father of all the faithful, resides