

beings, and this number goes on swelling from day to day.

Among the various forms of worship which portion off these millions of human souls, the Catholic Church, Roman and Apostolic, stands out in bold relief. She holds by long odds and without dispute the foremost place; and this, even in the great Protestant Republic of the United States, which could boast, a hundred years ago, of but one Catholic bishop. That country alone now claims one cardinal, thirteen archbishops, seventy-six bishops, five vicars apostolic, one arch abbot, nine mitred abbots, six thousand seven hundred and twelve secular, and two thousand three hundred and fifty regular clergy, and finally, in round numbers, NINE MILLIONS of Catholics under one head, the Vicar of Jesus Christ.

Within the boundaries of our own Dominion and Newfoundland we can count one cardinal, seven archbishops, twenty-five bishops, two prefects apostolic, one mitred abbot, one abbot, about two thousand four hundred and seventy-eight secular and regular clergy, and by the last census one million nine hundred and ninety thousand four hundred and sixty-five members of the Church.

In South America, we see, in the bosom of several of the Spanish republics, a consoling movement of revival in progress, which is impelling them mildly but irresistibly towards a thorough social renovation through the benign sway of the Heart of Jesus.

However, if in this fourth centenary magnificent hopes are to be entertained, serious forebodings for the future of the New World are not entirely dispelled. In the United States, side by side with the glorious conquests of Holy Church, religious indifference, begot of Protestantism and godless schools, makes daily sad havoc among the unwary. And South America, where we find the principles of the Revolution worked out to their logical