

and relations. Christianity contains, develops, and guarantees the only true liberty; and in its past workings among the world's masses, the nations have put their iron fingers upon it, and cruelly, yet proudly, even in its own name, wrested its sceptre, sealed its mouth, and claimed its honors. Centuries have passed away since it was pressed into the policies of the state, and made to bow to the nod of kings, cardinals, and amphibious politicians—acting as statesmen or churchmen, in behalf of interests, civil or ecclesiastical, as existing law or popular demand impelled. *But the times are changed or fast changing.* Men begin to think. Knowledge advances. Religious independence has a firm step. Kings quake, priests grow pale, and spiritual tyranny is threatened with utter destruction.

The ways of the Lord are wonderful, and not to be known afar off. A few scores of years ago, when religious persecution reigned in England and Scotland, a scattering band of puritans, to escape the fury of the persecuting storm, left the home of their fathers, and, like outcast pilgrims, took up their abode on the American continent. A new nation is born. The descendants of these self-banished strangers for conscience' sake, indoctrinated by experience into some of the stern rudiments of liberty, resist the encroachments which follow them in the land of their adoption. Success attends them;—the banner of freedom is the banner of victory. The spirit of liberty re-acts, crosses the ocean, and visits the old dominion, working destruction to the ungodly alliance of church-and-state-ism. This influence, surprising as it may seem, is felt in Canada at the present moment, and will be felt still more deeply and widely; and hence we not only have it within our power to embrace opportunities for working boldly and prosperously in the service of the author of the gospel, but we are led into the hopeful conclusion, from the things we have been relating, that our labors, although limited at the beginning, will be blessed abundantly, and confer increased blessing as the waves of time bring new generations to act their part upon the theatre of life.

The harvest is great. The laborers are still few. But may we not expect that those who know the truth, and whom the truth has made free, will "press forward" in the good cause of extending the knowledge of salvation for the rescue of our fellows in society from sin, sorrow, and death. O let us all be humbly, patiently, and zealously active. Thus shall we save and be saved—honor the Lord, bless ourselves, and redeem our fellow pilgrims to eternity.

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