

in the Church be made available for Christian work? We believe, if the truth is clearly apprehended, and, in reliance upon the Divine Spirit, frequently and affectionately enunciated, it is mighty and must ultimately prevail. A comparison of the present condition of the Christian world with that immediately following Apostolic times, shows a decided advantage in favour of the present. In intelligent apprehension of essential truth, in moral and spiritual purity, in the effectiveness of its schemes for the evangelization of the world, in the practice of charity towards conscientious differences of opinion, the Church, taken as a whole, is in advance of that of the fourth and fifth centuries. But the complete development to "the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ," is far from being yet secured, and can only be secured in connection with the methods we have stated. The practical and universal recognition of these truths would be attended by the infusion of such an increased measure of Divine energy into all our religious agencies, as would render them fully efficient for their conflict with the powers of darkness, and bring near the full accomplishment of the Redeemer's mission to our earth.

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### THE ROYAL PEACE-MAKER.\*

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COUNT BISMARCK strode through the halls of state,  
 Where he reigned beside his king;  
 Nor, of haughty mien, could brook to wait  
 The words of men or stroke of fate,  
 But counseled the gauntlet of war to fling;  
 His heart was proud,  
 "Who conquered late,"  
 He said "is sure again to win."

\* A few words of explanation may be necessary to recall the political situation of Europe at the period to which the poem refers. The attempt by Napoleon to get possession of Savoy, the armed protest of Prussia, the attitude of the