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compelled to accept also some distasteful lessons, and to admit that the cutting strokes of the Divine judgment have not been undeserved. Without accepting all Dr. Petavel's views, and without abating in the least degree our dislike of the Papal system which has produced such unspeakable horrors, and would again if it had but the power, we may all heartily agree with the practical aim and purpose of the pamphlet, which is to point out the duty incumbent upon Christians to treat their fellow-Christians in the spirit of Christ. Protestants, in dealing with Roman Catholics, should distinguish between the system and the persons; and while cordially hating the former as a horrible perversion, should treat the latter with charity as fellow-Christians. If our pity is excited by seeing them so entangled in the meshes of the Papal net as to be unable to break loose from it, we should be willing to lend them a helping hand if only they will accept it.

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