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PROGRESS THROUGH THE CHURCH.

“**T**HE Church, which is the immortal work of a merciful God, has for its primary and essential mission to save souls, and put them in the never-ending possession of heaven. She is, besides, in the domain of purely earthly interests, a source of advantages so precious that no greater could be produced, even though she had been founded chiefly to promote happiness in this life.” (1) These words of Leo XIII. ring in our ears with a clear, definite sound. There is no mistaking their meaning; and they do not need the experience of nineteen hundred years behind them to prove for us the truth that is in them.

(1) Ency. *Immortale Dei*.