

EPILOGUE

in her "eldest daughter" to-day, or as an influence in the councils of world-powers. In the Sacred Conclave around the Pope there are German and Austrian cardinals pitted against French, Italian and English cardinals, magnates, and potentates of the Church, whose sympathies side with their own people. *They are not one and cannot make for peace.* Vaticanism has gone to the junk heap.

Looked at from the standpoint of the combination of Protestant Churches, with mammon, politics and glory, it is a hopeless horror. Looked at from the standpoint of the evolution of Spirit in the movements of centuries, it is luminous with lessons of hope, with incentives to mighty spiritual ventures for the world-rule of the Christ, the rejected Saviour of the race, as the only hope for lasting peace.

The sad central fact is that the land where religious freedom was reborn, where intellectual and religious culture had first reached all the homes of the common people, and learning had won into leadership, there came a reaction in the ebb of the spiritual element, and the development of the political and pagan culture of material ambition. The result is imperialism gone mad, based on the culture of "the physical, the psychical, the demoniacal." Paul's psychology has been amazingly illustrated.

A new Gibbon will arise in the good days coming who will be able, in the calm of other conditions, with the records of the centuries analyzed and understood in their true relations and proper proportions, who will write "The History of the Rise, Decline, and Fall of the Ger-