

of reason, saying that the Catholic "parsons measure the will and work of God by reason," which can do nothing else than "blaspheme," as "reason is the devil's prostitute."

To-day, therefore, as in Luther's time and in the age of Aquinas, Rome is the Church of reason, and with the Church of reason non-Catholics, who intellectually are bankrupt, cannot reckon, being wholly wanting in those mental resources which alone secure the favor of mankind. Non-Catholics simply pamper the pride of men by offering a choice of one hundred and thirty-two creeds while living, and brutally leaving the bulk of mankind to shift for themselves when dead, while the Catholic Church follows them in faith and prayer into the great beyond.

On the other hand, the Catholic Church is steadily growing in favor. As Mr. Mallock and Lord Macaulay show, it is the one permanent thing on this earth.

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Rome is the Bible Church and the Church of Reason. Theological Rip Van Winkles must wake up and discover the situation. The "Reformation" is dead, and Henry VIII. and Cranmer live only in the three hundred thousand divorces given to America in the last twenty years. In the meanwhile the Catholic Church is the Church of the family and of sacramental marriage. People who want to protect their daughters are educating them under the care of the Blessed Virgin, and thus they will have daughters who will not be married by one judge and unmarried by another.

To-day one of the largest and most respectable denominations is wrangling and distressing itself about the eternal perdition of infants and heathens. On the other hand, the Catholic Church stands as ever the Church of Eternal Hope, calmly looking for the largest results from the plan of salvation, in accordance with Aquinas, who holds that every soul born into the world receives grace sufficient for salvation, if not frustrated by opposition to light.