

"curantism, hatred of progress, narrow-mindedness, and other accusations of that kind..... Is it becoming that Catholics should ask themselves whether these accusations are devoid of all truth? If we say that they are, then we say that no priest, no bishop, no pope has ever been ambitious, or avaricious, or tyrannical, or imprudent, or unjust, or unwise. Would to God that we could say so truly! But.....the whole history of the Church shows the contrary..... It will be a step towards reunion if we Catholics acknowledge that there is some truth in the accusations that our enemies bring against us. For that is only acknowledging that the prophecy of Christ (St. Matt. 24, 48.) has come true by which he foretold that some of his servants would be tyrannical, and cruel, and dissipated, and avaricious, and hypocritical. These are the vices that have brought about disunion." (p. 77.)

4. Father Duggan protests against the unreasonable increase in the number of the clergy. "A priest should get enough to live on by preaching the Gospel and by teaching people to keep the commandments of God and of the Church. In any locality, or country, where there are more priests than enough to do this, it is evident that the excess over the right number take money for preaching something other than the Gospel. It is their interest to exaggerate and to multiply duties and obligations and to change counsels into laws..... Who can say, for instance, that money had nothing to do with introducing the practice of saying mass daily?" (p. 96.)

5. Our author reads history with an open mind, and with a desire to discover the truth. In this respect he affords a good example not only to Romanists but to Protestants. It must have required much boldness to enable a Roman priest plainly to say, "It looks as if Divine Providence wished the Reformation to succeed. For everything that the popes did to destroy it, came to nought.... The Armada ought humanly speaking, to have overcome England. As a force, it had an over-whelming superiority over the English fleet. Its first commander the Marquis of Santa Cruz, was an experienced sailor..... But God took him to Himself before the