

mouths of her venerable Pontiffs she has over and over proclaimed the principle, so clearly established by her divine founder, that men love darkness rather than light, for their works are evil. Every one that doeth evil hateth the light and cometh not to the light, that his works may not be reproved. But he that doeth truth, cometh to the light, that his works may be made manifest, because they are done in God. (John iii., 20, 21.) The Church, therefore, neither harbours, nor countenances any secret society, and for this simple reason—that she has nothing to conceal. Her principles; her dogmas; her discipline; her liturgy; her historic records, the voluminous writings of her children of every age and clime; and, lastly, the sanctuary itself is wide open to the world. She loves the light; for, the more she is viewed by it; the more she is studied and examined; the more her truths are developed and brought into juxtaposition with each other, the more her divine beauty flashes on the eye of every unprejudiced beholder. The only complaint we have against our separated brethren is that they condemn us without trial; they protest against what they know not, and what they have never seen or heard, but through the distorted medium of one-sided misrepresentations.

We need, therefore, no secret or unhallowed agency in our behalf. If, as Catholics, you really believe in the enduring character of your religion and the promises of perpetuity which Christ made to his everlasting Church, it is manifestly inconsistent to recur to mere human means for its defence and preservation. No, faithfully perform the duties that Catholicity enjoins on you, and leave the remainder to God. Live as good Christians, peaceful loyal citizens, obedient to the laws, respecting authority, carefully avoiding all religious bickerings, hating no man and working hand in hand with your brethren of other religious persuasions, for the happiness and prosperity of your common country, which is to be a home for yourselves and the generations that are to succeed you. It is thus only you will consult for the honour and the true interests of the religion you love; it is thus only you will consult for your own temporal and spiritual welfare, and perform your part in making New Brunswick what we earnestly hope she is destined to be, that is—a favoured land, with a free, a progressive, and an united people.

By steadily pursuing the course we here point out, there is only one danger more—one rock of scandal—which you must avoid, at the peril of everything near and dear to you. I allude to that besetting sin of drunkenness, which has been so prevalent among you,