

The days are not far away that a cry of joy will be heard from one end to the other of the world: "Fear God, and give glory to Him! Babylon is fallen! Babylon is fallen! because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornications."

For, when we see that "wicked one, who exalteth himself above all that is called God," destroying himself by the excess of his own folly and impieties, we must bless the Lord.

The proclamation of this new dogma is one of those great moral iniquities which carry their punishment and their remedy in their own hands.

When the Pope, in the morning of the 8th December, 1854, answered twice: "I do not know" to the question put to him, "Is the Virgin Mary Immaculate in her Conception?" and then, a minute after, to the same question, he answered: "Yes! I know it; the Holy Virgin Mary was immaculate in her Conception," he proved to his most credulous dupes that he was nothing but a miserable sacrilegious comedian. How would a jury of honest men deal with a witness who, being interrogated about what he knows of a certain fact, would answer, "I know nothing about it;" and a moment after would acknowledge that "he knows everything about it." Would not such a witness be justly punished as a perjurer?

Such is the sad and unenviable position which the Pope has made to himself and to his church, the 8th of December, 1854. Interrogated by the nations of Europe about what was to be believed on the "conception of the Virgin Mary," the church of Rome, during ten centuries, had answered: "I do not know." And let every one remember that she wants to be believed "INFALLIBLE" when she says she "knows nothing about the Immaculate Conception."

But, to-day, that same church assures us, through the infallible decree of Pius IX, that she knows, and she has *always* known and believed the Virgin Mary was Immaculate!

Has the world ever seen such a want of self-respect, such an unblushing impudence!

What verdict will the Christian world give against that great mother of lies? What punishment will the God of truth administer to that great culprit who swears "yes" and "no" on the same fact?

It is a fact that by the promulgation of this decree, Pius IX has forever destroyed his prestige in the minds of millions of his followers.

A few days after I had read to my congregation the decree