

THE CORONATION DECLARATION.

Russell, the pride of the legal profession in England, would learn, doubtless much to his annoyance, that the Pope can sanction departures from truth, and permit evasion, equivocation and mental reservation.

Now it will scarcely be denied that this is an intolerable state of affairs. No other people would be expected to remain silent under such hideous charges. Of the loyalty of Catholics there is not, and cannot be, a doubt. They have always contributed quite their proportionate share, both in intellectual and political services, towards the building up of that power to which, in the picturesque declaration of Daniel Webster, "ancient Rome in the height of her glory is not to be compared ; a power which has dotted over the whole globe with her possessions and military posts, whose morning drum-beat, following the sun and keeping company with the hours, circles the earth daily with one continuous and unbroken strain of the martial airs of England."

Its Catholic citizens have a stake in the security, the progress and the prosperity of that great empire. They hope for the continued triumph of that flag which is known and respected throughout the world. But it is idle to seek to conceal the fact that the enemies of the British empire are numerous and powerful. The day will certainly come when these foes will make an onset on the empire, the outcome of which will be either its signal triumph or its utter downfall. Against that inevitable event is it not wise to make every provision? What folly to wound the most delicate sensibilities of millions of subjects, to make them feel that they are citizens of an empire that does not value their services, and would not appreciate their devotion, since it has no regard for their conscientious convictions!

It is in this sense, chiefly, that the Catholic Truth Society of St. Joseph's parish purposes taking action looking to the abolition of the Declaration against Transubstantiation and other Catholic doctrines. This is not a factious agitation gotten up by men who seek to promote their own interests by a specious appeal to the baser passions and prejudices. It is a calm but firm protest against injustice; it is the humble but sincere request of those who feel that they are wrongly condemned, to have that condemnation removed. It is the expression of their intention to carry