

largest and strongest religious body in this country. Out of the thirty-four or thirty-five millions of enrolled church members, fully one-half, if not more, are to be found in the Roman Catholic Church, and the number is increasing every day. The percentage of its increase is more rapid than that of the nation itself; and the advance in every direction of authority and power is phenomenal.

While Protestantism is broken up into all sorts of sects, and fragments of sects, filled with the spirit of unbelief, of rationalism, of scientific antagonism and downright infidelity, the Roman Church is a unit in doctrine and practice.

To-day if men seek for intellectual and spiritual rest, they cannot find it in the Protestant Church. There, every man has a psalm, every man has a doctrine, and the only thing sure in the leaders of the sects, the only thing about which they have not the slightest doubt is, that the leader of the other sect is wrong.

What is taught to-day in a Catholic Church in Rome, is taught in a Catholic Church in London, Paris, New York, and the islands of the sea. It is a universal church with a unit of creed and faith, and offers to the man who wants a settled religious belief, a solidarity of doctrine, and an imperial assertion of authority to be found nowhere else. Its unbroken history, its splendid ritual, its wealth, and the genius which guides it, enables it more and