

theological strifes. They have a vague tradition of the intolerance, tyranny and persecutions of Rome a few centuries ago, but cannot be persuaded that in spirit, policy and general beliefs the Church is always the same. Our schools and school books shed no light on such matters. Although Protestant, they must be silent on a system thoroughly antagonistic to their very existence. Few parents, we have reason to think, take care to instruct their children as to the nature of Romanism. They are not told that by that system the Bible is forbidden to be read in the household and school room. It is not made clear to them that the Pope is in no sense the successor of Peter, and that it is blasphemy for that ecclesiastic to call himself infallible, and claim to be Head of the Church. They are not taught that it is contrary to Scripture and highly sinful to observe seven sacraments instead of the two instituted by Jesus Christ, and to ascribe to baptism what can be accomplished only by the Spirit of God, and to supplement the efficacy of the Saviour's blood in removing sin by the purifying power of the tormenting flames of a fabulous purgatory. They are not warned against the enslaving and corrupting influence of the Confessional, and the weak credulity engendered by the acceptance of the pretended miracles and numerous fetiches of Rome. They are not told that it is gross idolatry to pray to saints and angels, and to worship the Virgin Mary, and a wafer called the Host, which is declared to be changed by the manipulations of a priest into the very divinity and humanity of the Son of God. So far as family training is concerned, it is safe to say that Protestant children, generally, are allowed to grow up with the impression that there is nothing specially wrong in Romanism, that it is as good as any other form of religion, and that its votaries are usually characterized by eminent piety and zeal. Then as to Protestant pulpits, little or nothing is now said in the majority of them touching the theological errors of Rome. A considerable number of ministers even favor some of her distinctive tenets, such as the Confessional, the use of incense, altar lights, ornaments, crucifixes, prayers for the dead, the adoration of saints and the sacrifice of the mass. With very many others the theme is unpopular.

Those who wish to be at peace with the political magnates of their flocks, and who are anxious to "draw," *i.e.*, to make in-