

awarded to it, with large sums of money publicly gathered after lectures and at meetings held openly and the object avowed, without one word of discouragement or one step taken to prevent the invasion, until after the invaders have crossed our borders and been driven back with ignominious defeat. Does not all this infallibly suggest the comment that it was intended they should go on ; that, in that silence which is more potent than words, it was, in effect, said, "go on, if you succeed we shall step in and reap the gain ; if you fail you alone must bear the blame?"

And now, like unsuccessful adventurers in general, they have to bear the consequences of their own defeat, and, not the least, the reproach of those who were ready to flatter them on, so long as there was any prospect of advantage accruing to those who so encouraged them. Such is human baseness in some of its forms, and, while the circumstances of this wicked invasion are so gross as to make any expressions of pity or commiseration to the misguided men wholly misplaced, yet, of all the parties to it, the leaders and encouragers must be held more deeply involved in the guilt than the more ignorant herd whom they led into the perpetration of their design. Design there has been—design long nursed, steadily pursued, carried out at last, so far it was not hindered by defeat. There have been all the elements at work which lead to war on a large scale, elements by which the peace of the world is endangered. It is well we should understand this, for guilt will assuredly be ours if we suffer ourselves to be involved, directly or indirectly, by open aggression, or by loosening the ties which bind our present constitution together, with a view to promoting revolutionary designs in our State: from all these insidious plottings we shall keep ourselves clear if we mean to preserve our conscience pure and undefiled before God.

A Christian man can have no part in sedition. It is natural to an infidel to be seditious: to a Christian it is unnatural, foreign to all the impulses of a regenerate nature. Hence a Christian loves peace. He sees in governments "the powers