

*POPULARITY OVER- RULED*

"It is the voice of a god and not of a man!" cried the flatterers of Herod. All the worse for him, as the event proved.

"The christianos to the lions!" cried the the heathen multitude as they sat in the Coliseum at Rome.

"The voice of the people is the voice of God!" said their rulers. And the Goths and Vandals came and swept away their glory and their mythology.

Who can resist the matchless eloquence of this holy man, said the multitudinous followers of Arius. Do ye not see that the whole Church, archbishops, bishops, priests, deacons, laity and all are casting aside the superstitious dogma of the Trinity? Why incur unpopularity and mar thy prospects in life by resisting public opinion, O thou aspirant to success in the christian ministry? See how the whole of this great Church Council in our city of Nicea are ready to reject the fable of the Incarnation and the Atonement, and to estimate Jesus not as God but as holy man. O Athanasius, oppose not the voice of the Church!" "Athanasius against the world!" was the dauntless reply.

The enemy had come in like a flood, but the Spirit of God raised up a standard against him, and that holy deacon, seeking not self but truth, was the standard-bearer, carrying victory all along the line, to

the confusion of the enemy and the fulfilment of Christ's promise to His Church,—“The gates of hell shall not prevail against her.”

“Why resist the unity of Christendom?” say the multitude of the present day. “Away with your narrow and superstitious dogmas,—they are away behind the spirit of the age! We despise and trample under foot your pretended historic episcopate. One christian church is as good as another,—or if there be a difference, the latest is the best, as being most in touch with the superior wisdom of the 19th century.” “Hear! hear!” cries another. All but the superstitious Roman and Greek Churches, or the advanced Anglicans date their origin to the Reformation of the 16th Century. That was the birth-time of pure and liberal Christianity. Let us advance eloquent and popular men of this view to the highest places in the Church, and devote to the fury of the newspapers all who venture to oppose them. Down with your antiquated dogmas! We care for none of these things.” “Divines of the Broad School have as little objection to ritualistic improvements as to sectarian novelties,” says another. “They are the Gallios of the present age. Under these, as our bishops, we shall enjoy full toleration.”

“Let them alone,” says the surprised and delighted Romanist. “They now discredit their vaunted