

hence the above named evil must necessarily find a home in England.

We see then what the church understands by civilization, but we have yet to show how she acts with regard to its promotion and what she expects to be the result of her ministerial labors. The Catholic church desires to see her children happy and enjoy plenty and abundance, she is a kind and loving mother, it therefore pains and tears her maternal heart to behold her children in misery and unhappy, she does all in her power to forward their interests and make them happy in this world. But here arises a question which must be answered before we proceed. I say she wishes to see her children happy, but what is the meaning of this word, in what does true happiness consist? In the material comfort which the world vainly strives to procure for man; in the physical liberty which man enjoys and so often employs to satisfy the corrupted craving of his indomitable nature; or does it consist in that copious partaking of food which not only vilifies and debases man, but turns his mind away from God, or again is it placed in giving full vent to our passions? No, the Catholic church has understood this and for this reason, she directs her attention and desires first of all to protect the moral element of civilization. She wishes prosperity and abundance for her subjects, but in the first place she strives and endeavors to imbue and instil in their minds the first principles of the christian religion, hence the first duty incumbent on the church is to fight for and place at the head of every nation the true religion the only advocater of morals and virtue. And why does she act thus? Because she knows that without religion man cannot be happy, true for a certain time he may find a certain pleasure in the comforts of life, but such feelings are of but a transitory nature, the religious element is in the heart of man and at times will call him back to the sense of his duty.

This explains to us then why the Catholic church devotes all her care to the moral cultivation of man, she knows if he leads a good life he will be happy, that if he be God-fearing, honest, upright he will be respected and trusted and thus make his way in the world and become prosperous in the sphere of life to which he has been called.

To conclude then that the Catholic church is an enemy of civilization is a preposterous absurdity, and to affirm such a thing, without knowing with what end and expectation she