

than three hundred years ago. The Roman knees which bent in hideous impiety to give God thanks for the slaughter of the Huguenots are dust in which worms have been crawling for three hundred years. Why offend us with the brutalities of an outgrown past? But who has outgrown it? You believe your Roman Catholic neighbor has, and it may be that you are right. Perhaps he loathes the memory of St. Bartholomew's Day as you loathe it. Perhaps he shudders at the memory of the Spanish Inquisition as you do. But what may be inferred from this?

There have always been men within the pale of Rome who have been horrified by her atrocities. The fact that your neighbor is a good man proves nothing concerning Rome. She is in nature to-day what she was when Coligny's corpse lay in the streets of Paris whither it had been flung, and Tuannes ferociously shouted over it, "Bleed! bleed! The doctors say bleeding does as much good in August as in May!" Do we demand proof of this? Consider the fact that Rome never apologizes for the past. When did she canonize Peter Arbues? Twenty-four years ago? When has she declared that the slaughter of the Huguenots was inspired by Satan and executed by fiends? Never! And this is because the things of the past at which we shudder were done in harmony with her principles. She cannot deny those things without denying herself. We do not wish to detract from the praise due her for good she has done anywhere in any age. We will always read with delight what her great souls have written. Forever we will call them brothers who, though adherents of Rome, waxed valiant for righteousness and followed their divine Lord according to the light they had. Such men are with us to-day. To them we cry, "Brothers, all hail!" But when this is said, what have we said? We certainly have not said that Rome may be trusted. The presence of righteous Lot did not save unrighteous Sodom. That city was marked by God for destruction, as we believe Romanism is marked by God for destruction. That thing which we call Rome, that thing of certain principles, policies and purposes must be destroyed before the kingdom of God can come upon the earth.

Rome is mighty. That we cannot question or doubt. Her forces are great beyond anything we dare guess. Rome is hostile to freedom. Demonstration of that is given constantly.