

rule is a compound of prejudice and passion: it was never reasoned into them, and it can never be reasoned out of them. It can hardly be the bitter fruit of conquest, for the transference of Ireland to the crown of England is an event scarcely less remote than the conquest of England by William of Normandy, against whose lineal descendant, now on the British throne, no such grudge exists in the heart of Englishmen. And it is as difficult to suppose it to be the result of misrule, now, at any rate, that the people and the government of Great Britain are eager to do them justice. We can come, therefore, to no other conclusion, than that Fenianism is the legitimate offspring of Popery, and that the temporizing policy which has endowed Maynooth College for the education of the Romish priesthood these fifty years past, has only been the nursing of a serpent which now would sting to death the hand that has fed it.

It may be said in reply, that the Romish priesthood has opposed Fenianism. Perhaps it has. Here and there, a bishop has issued a "pastoral" on the subject; but where one has spoken, how many have been silent! Besides, it is not the first time the Romish church has looked one way and pointed another. At any rate, we find it very difficult to believe that the priesthood has been as loyal as it should be, when the people who have grown up for generations under its teachings, are so largely tinctured with rebellion. "Ye shall know them by their fruits."

Appearances would seem to indicate that the Romish hierarchy, conscious that it is losing its hold upon Europe, is struggling to gain possession of America. It has tried in vain to stem the tide of emigration, and now it will follow it, and, if possible, re-erect in the New World the edifice that is crumbling to ruin in the Old. We may yet live to see the Pope fulminating his Bulls from Baltimore, or St. Louis, instead of from Rome!

It is true that many of the Roman Catholics, or at least of their children, become absorbed in the Protestant population, and cease to profess the faith of their fathers, but the annual influx of over 100,000 of that class of immigrants, whose natural increase is so much greater than that of native Americans, is a fact that augurs no good for the future of this continent.

Armed with universal suffrage—a most dangerous weapon in the hands of the ignorant and priest-ridden—they are already trying to destroy the non-sectarian educational system of the country, and to exclude the Bible from the common schools. And the avowed intention of the Romish hierarchy is "to take this country and keep it." Father Hecker, of New York, recently declared in an address in that city, that "the Catholic church