

many souls that would otherwise have been of great value to the Church and the world. And the ruin of one soul is an injury that far outweighs any benefit derived from Free Thought. A kind Providence certainly over-ruled it all for good. But that does not prove it is good. He over-rules all things for good, but all things are not for that reason beneficial to the Church. He over-rules for good the presence of Satan in the world, but no one will say it is good for the Church to have the presence of his Satanic majesty in the world.

I have shown that the Church was benefited in the sphere of her literature and doctrine; but I have also shown that she was injured in her work of extension, and in the moral and spiritual life of her people. • The injury in the latter two far outweighs the benefits in the former sphere. The price paid for her literature was the moral and spiritual corruption of her people, and human souls for whom Christ died. This injury is eternal; literature is temporary. Put on one hand the benefits, and on the other the injuries, and you will see that the latter far outweigh the former.

