

in danger of drifting away, unless religious organisations are able to amend some of their ways of procedure."

The opportunity before us, my brethren, is to take action which will commend itself to the wisest and best men among us. But opportunities do not stay long in one place. You remember the old mythological symbol of opportunity, the flying steed which must be caught by the forelock as it rushes by. The opportunity to make this Dominion of ours, especially in the vast new territory of the North-West, an object lesson for the whole world, is, I believe, now before us—the opportunity to build up a truly Catholic Church, universal, but free, bound together not by the chains of mechanical successions, canons, or decrees; nor on the other hand divided by all sorts of subordinate questions, but knit together by the unity of the spirit, and held together by the bond of peace. "Where the spirit of the Lord is," cried St. Paul "there is liberty." and the spirit of the Lord is the spirit of peace."