

bably, assailed by religious doubts himself, he was not pre-eminently a preacher to those who had passed through them. He left some provinces of truth untouched, and the trim exactness of his theological opinions would have made them almost repellant to many earnest minds. But he recognized his distinctive mission, and nobly did he fulfil it. With him it was always the same old story, presented in ever new forms by the kaleidoscope of his fertile brain and rich personal experience.

Possibly his end may have been hastened by the unhappy differences which existed of late years between him and some of his brethren in the ministry. Believing them to be on the "down grade," he felt it his duty to sever his fellowship with them. To one so tender and sympathetic as he was, this act must have been full of pain. It may seem to some of us that he exaggerated the difficulty, and that in his burning zeal for a pure religion, he fell into the mistake of distrusting those who were not less earnest and devoted than himself. This, I think, must be admitted. But, Luther-like, he recognized no other master than his Conscience. "Here stand I; I cannot do otherwise; so help me God." And the world needs some lion-hearts like that to carry forward the message of the Gospel in the midst of abounding wickedness. Though his earthly work is now done, he has left to the Church universal the inheritance of his good name, of his tireless Christian fervour, of his zealous devotion to the welfare of humanity and to the truth of God. In no tone of pride were his last words uttered: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." So spake he truly; and the soldier of Jesus was at rest.

It is impossible even thus hastily to review the career of these two great leaders of religious thought and action without being impressed with the fact that, in spite of their wide differences, there are some things, at least, in which they heartily agree. Great, indeed, is the chasm which divides pure sacerdotalism from absolute individualism; yet, across even this gulf they join hands together. The faith of both of them was rooted and grounded in God. Both were unswerving in their allegiance to what they believed to be true. Both were earnest in effort for the spread of what each regarded as the kingdom of Jesus Christ. Both were irreproachable in their Christian character. Both were devoted to the cause of the poor and needy, and to the moral amelioration of the world. More eloquent than any eulogium on Cardinal Manning is the significant fact that his worldly accumulations in all the long