

Rome, others to Dissent. But their dearest object is to draw off the attention of the faithful from these obvious things whilst the Enemy cometh in like a flood—silently but overwhelmingly—covering the old landmarks of the faith. May the Spirit of the Lord raise up a standard against him, and may all who love the Lord see this danger in time, and flock with one consent to that standard.

### BISHOP RANDALL AND THE "POOR INDIAN."

On the war with "the poor Indian" Bishop Randall of Colorado like a tender and true-hearted Christian remarks:—

"This Indian war has been a great injury to this Territory. It has hindered immigration, and, by interfering with the means of transportation, has increased the expense of living. It hurts everybody and does no good to any. Our missionary operations feel, in connection with other interests, the general calamity. It is great folly for any sane man to allege, that the people on the frontier want an Indian war, for the sake of the miserable pottage of spoils, that may come to somebody, in its enormous expenditures. It might as rationally be supposed that a community might provoke a pestilence for the sake of helping the undertakers. This is a warfare of races and conditions. It is a contest for the mastery of this mighty empire, which the Creator has spread over with productive lands, and crowned with mountains full of silver and gold, and covered with a beautiful sky. Who shall have it and keep it? The civilized, or the savages? There can be but one answer, for there can be but one issue, between the lingering hordes of heathenism and the advancing hosts of a Christian civilization.

"These aboriginal tribes should be taken and treated as wards of this government. They call the President their great father, and he should be authorized to treat them as his children, and not as nations of the earth, capable of making and keeping treaties. They should be placed upon reservation, not where they can get a living by hunting, but where the Government will support them, and where they shall possess every facility of cultivating the arts of peace, without the power of waging war with the whites, or with each other. It is more humane, more Christian, and a good deal cheaper to feed than to fight them. Missionaries and teachers should be furnished them in their new and defined homes, and then there would be good hope that at least, the rising generation might be trained to that knowledge of sacred and secular things, which it is vain to look for, while they live as wandering tribes, fighting one another, and vainly endeavouring by savage butcheries, to arrest the mighty march of that Christian civilization, whose great mission it is to chase from the earth the darkness of heathenism."

**CONTENTMENT**—Our most exalted feelings are not meant to be the common food of daily life. Contentment is more gratifying than exhilaration; and contentment means simply the sum of small and quiet pleasures. We ought not to seek too high joys. We may be bright without transfiguration. The even flow of constant cheerfulness strengthens; while great excitements, driving us with fierce speed, both wreck the ship and end often in explosions. If we were just ready to break out of the body with delight, I doubt not that we should disdain many things important to be done. Low measures of feeling are better than ecstasies; for ordinary life, God sends His rain in gentle drops, or else flowers would be beaten to pieces.—*Beecher.*