

out its rich fruitage : " Ought we to sit down coldly, while sentiments manifesting so strong a desire for Christian unity are breathed in our hearing, and rise not up to bid the mourners have hope ? Are we, who sit in the full light, to see our friends feeling their way towards us through the gloom that surrounds them, faltering for want of an out-stretched hand, or turning astray for want of a directing voice, and sit on, and keep silent, amusing ourselves at their painful efforts, or perhaps allow them to hear, from time to time, only the suppressed laugh of one who triumphs over their distress ? God forbid ! If one *must* err, if in mere tribute to humanity one must needs make a false step, one's fall will be more easy when on the side of two theological virtues than when on the bare cold earth of human prudence. If I shall have been both too hopeful in my motives and too charitable in my dealings, I will take my chance of smiles at my simplicity both on earth and in heaven. Those of the latter, at least, are never scornful." (Letter to Lord Shrewsbury, p. 20.)--The missionary.

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Mr. Gadstone has this to say of the Catholic Church : " She has marched for 1500 years at the head of civilization and has harnessed to her chariot, as the horses of a triumphal car, the chief intellectual and material forces of the world ; her art, the art of the world ; her genius, the genius of the world ; her greatness, glory, grandeur and majesty have been almost, though not absolutely, all that in these respects the world has had to boast of. Her children are more numerous than all the members of the sects combined ; she is every day enlarging the boundaries of her vast empire ; her altars are raised in every clime and her missionaries are to be found wherever there are men to be taught the evangel of immortality and souls are to be saved. And this wondrous Church, which is as old as Christianity and as universal as mankind, is to-day, after its twenty centuries of age, as fresh and as vigorous and as fruitful as on the day when the pentecostal fires were showered upon the earth. Surely such an institution challenges the attention and demands and deserves the most serious examination of those outside its pale."