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"Disguise it how men will, there is one great central question which rises above all others, and concentrates, in love or in hatred, for defense or attack, the enkindled hearts of the millions of civilized men. Amidst the rivalry of nations, the plots and counter-plots of statesmen, the mustering of armed forces, and the heated conflicts of public writers, this one question towers out predominant, and divides the world into two distinct and opposite arrays.

"Shall the Sovereign Pontiff the representative of Christ, the veritable head of Christianity, be hurled from his temporal throne, or shall he retain that position of freedom and independence which he has held for more than a thousand years?"

—Pastoral Letter of the Lord Bishop of Birmingham, Nov. 16th, 1869

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I.

When our adorable Lord and Savior made his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, and the whole air rang with the hosannas of the multitude, some of the Pharisees said to him, "Master, rebuke thy disciples;" and he replied, "If these shall hold their peace the stones will cry out."

If I may with reverence adopt those words of my divine Master, I would say, that on the occasion on which we are met together if we were to keep silence, the 'stones would' cry out. Yes, the very stones would reproach us! The consideration of the position of our holy and venerable Pontiff at this moment of trial is enough to cause emotion in the most stony of hearts.

I say, moreover, that if we were silent on the subject of the temporal interests of the Papacy at this time, the stones of our old abbeys, whether in the sweet meadow, by the meandering stream under the shady trees, or in the midst of towns, where the houses cluster around them; the stones of our old cathedrals which our Catholic ancestors built; and the stones of our parish churches, which their piety also raised and endowed, and by the side of which their bones repose, (God in his mercy rest their souls!) all these stones would call out against us. I say, too, that the stones of the halls where our children play, and the hearthstones round which they gather; yes, and the buildings where our citizens meet together in social and friendly intercourse; and the stones of old St. Stephen's, or of that newer building which has taken its place, where our parliament now meets to legislate for the country's weal, they would reproach us too.

By this metaphor, I mean to assert that the temporal rights of the Holy See are most intimately connected with our dearest and our