

without guidance; therefore conscience must be guided. This guidance is found in the Church which Christ founded and bade all His followers to hear. By undoing the work of sin, Christ did not thereby make the consciences of those who believe in Him infallible; but in His wisdom He knew the necessity of an infallible guide to direct men in that most difficult work they have to do, the working out of their salvation. He therefore appointed an infallible teacher whom we call the Pope. Those who set aside this teacher are forced to seek another; they set up their own little Vatican on the hill of pride; they make themselves popes under the title of conscience; in effect they hold that man is the measure of God. Thus of the major part of our countrymen outside of the One Fold, it is no freak of fancy, but simple fact, to say that every man is his own pope.—*St. Andrew's Magazine.*



ONE of the miseries of our day is the tendency to criticise and censure. It is doubtless the mark of a superficial generation and may inflict harm in most cases upon those who indulge in it. In other times, when men knew their capabilities and limitations, there was a slowness to judge and to condemn and to utter the idle word of censure, but nowadays the veriest youngster feels it incumbent upon him to criticise men and things which are entitled to reverence. We have more than once heard the smart utterances concerning priests. Silly, empty-headed girls whose ideas of life are bounded by dress and a novel, and conceited lads will without any hesitation condemn Father So and So, rate his sermon as worthless, watch his every movement like a Pinkerton detective, and with oracular cocksureness, give him a character. Those good people who have big prayer-books and small faith listen without a word of protest. Instead of criticising, we should help him. Parents should bridle the tongues of their too precocious offspring.