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in the year 1519. Zwingli was himself smitten down, and when he came back from the gates of death, it was to preach the Gospel with greater fervour than ever before. Step by step the Reformation advanced in Zurich. Repeated attacks were made upon Zwingli, but the efforts of the ecclesiastics only furthered the cause which they sought to overthrow. The truth continued to spread. The Bishop of Constance dispatched three deputies to the Council of Zurich accusing Zwingli of teaching the people to transgress the laws of the Church, but the Council declined to take action against Zwingli, and Rome prepared for a fresh attack. While the Romanists appealed for authority to the customs of the Church, the reformer adhered steadfastly to the Holy Scriptures.

A conspiracy was formed against his life, and his enemies insidiously prepared a conference to be held in one of the cantons inimical to the new doctrines. To this he prudently declined to go. In October, 1531, five Roman Catholic cantons took up arms, and having published a manifesto, marched into the field, but the people of Zurich had taken no measures for their defence. A battle ensued, and though the Zurichers defended themselves valiantly, they were at length compelled to yield, and were entirely routed. Zwingli, who had accompanied them, received a mortal wound at the commencement of the action, from which he died. Thus at the age of 47 his glorious career came to an end.

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