

shall fall, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. "The Son of Perdition, whom he shall destroy with the breath of his mouth and the brightness of his coming." No wonder, then, that Rome fears and hates the Bible—the Sword of the Spirit before which she is to fall at the appointed time. Hence, Pope after Pope has denounced the Bible Societies as the greatest enemy of the Church of Rome—and they are right.\*

Some Protestants think that we should not say anything about Popery, but simply Preach the Gospel—as they express it. Now, we hold that we cannot faithfully preach Christ in this land, without preaching against Antichrist; because the latter is seeking to extend his sway over the land—and if he attain his object, the preaching of Christ would be prohibited or prevented, as in other Popish lands.—To be true to Christ involves the duty of preaching against Antichrist, and exposing his system and his claims. The press of Britain has for years teemed with new publications on the subject of Popery: Sermons, Tracts, Pamphlets, Periodicals and Books. The Protestants of Britain employ talented agents to traverse the length and breadth of the land, forming Protestant Associations, to enlighten the people, and arouse them to their duty, in reference to the aggressions of the Papacy. And what is the power of Popery in Britain, com-

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\* A Collection was taken up after the Sermon, for the U. O. Bible Society, which amounted to about \$30. It is pleasing to notice the success of the F. C. Missionary Society. Through its efforts upwards of 1000 souls have embraced Protestantism since its establishment in 1839. The number of children who have received a good secular and scriptural education, cannot be less than 500; who with scarcely an exception have embraced Protestantism, and are in various places, with more or less distinctness, letting their light shine before their benighted countrymen. This Society belongs to our common Protestantism, and has on its Committee many of the leading Protestants of Montreal, &c., without respect to denominations. Last year it supported about 30 Missionaries. The Church of Rome, in Canada East, has immense possessions in land and other estates, and these, besides the large revenue they yield, give her much social and political influence, which is turned to the advancement of her religious interests. This state of things places the people in a servile attitude, and makes conversion from Romanism a step almost sure to be followed by persecution, too often instigated or sanctioned by priestly authority. Indeed the priests ought in general to be held responsible for the assaults on Protestants, as they have almost unlimited control over their people by means of the Confessional, and few if any cases of persecution occur without the connivance or approval of the priests. Let any one that doubts this, study the *history and genius* of Popery; and doubt if he can. The priests in Italy, &c., are in constant dread of revolution, because their system is there so well understood; and they know that the people would wreak fearful vengeance upon them for the long years of oppression they have endured.