

not belong to it; that in fact, if it were so corrupt, and pernicious, the country should rise up and petition the Government to have the Catholics removed from it.

We found so much misconception concerning Catholic doctrines and consequently prejudices, that we considered it due to truth and honor to explain. 1st, What was *not* the faith of Catholics; and 2nd, what they do actually believe. The knowledge of truth must do good. By the force of a good principle implanted in our hearts by our Divine Lord, we yearn after it; when we find it, our souls rejoice; and again, when we are delivered from a false impression or idea we find relief. "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor," is one of the commandments of a just God, who wills that we be respected, not only in our property, but also in our reputation. Many bear false witness (we hope unwittingly) to the faith and practices of the Catholic Church. If we contribute a ray of truth to minds anxious to acquire it, we shall have spent the few days of our convalescence well. Our Protestant friends who know us, we think, can bear testimony of our kindly feelings towards persons of all denominations. We acknowledge that the precept of loving our neighbour as ourselves, extends beyond our relations and church associates. Christ has made no distinction, neither should we. All mankind are our brethren. Trusting to a reciprocal feeling on the part of our Protestant friends, we dedicate to them this little work, as a testimony of our good will and interest in them.

We put the questions and objections concerning the Catholic Church as nearly as we could recollect, in the very words used by our Protestant interrogators. They meant no