

extinguished. It has remained there. All the darkness of Rome and the teachings of Popery have never been able to put that light out, and it is to that dear Bible, by the mercy of God, that I owe to-day the unspeakable joy which I feel at being among the redeemed, amongst those who have received the light and are drinking at the pure fountain of truth.

Roman Catholics and Permission to Read the Bible.

But perhaps you are inclined to say, "Do not the Roman Catholic priests of England allow their people to read the Bible?" Yes, I thank God that it is so; and it is probable they may boast of this privilege. It is a fact that to-day, almost all over the world, the Church of Rome grants permission to read the Bible, and you will find the Bible in the houses of some Roman Catholics. But I will here ask the Roman Catholics, "To whom do you owe that privilege and honour of a Bible in your house? Is it to your Church?" Oh! no, for if your Church could be free to fulfil her own laws you would be sent to gaol; nay, you would be burnt on a scaffold for that Bible. But you owe that privilege to the glorious Protestant British flag which protects you—wherever it floats to the breeze, no Pope, no priest will dare to trouble you for that Bible—they let you possess and read that holy book because they cannot help it. But when we have confessed this we must say the truth. When the priest of Rome, to-day, puts a Bible in the hands of his people, or any priest receives the Bible from his Church, there is a condition. The condition is that though the priest or people may read the Bible, they must swear that they will never interpret a single word according to their conscience, their intelligence, or in their own mind.

When I was ordained a priest of Rome, a grand ceremony was made. I was kneeling before the Bishop, who was covered with gold. It was in the great Cathedral of Quebec, and I shall never forget