

not adopt any sense contrary to that held by Rome. Yea, converted priests tell us, that the fear of the anathema, or curse of excommunication, for permitting even a doubt in their minds as to the fact of Rome being the spouse of Christ, has kept them long in a state of great mental anguish before they had courage fully to examine the matter (Stillingleet's Doctrines and Practices—Note on Chap. 14). —The design of the Council of Trent was to place as many difficulties in the way as possible.

In Britain, and some other Protestant lands, Romanists are under little restraint—save that the text is usually overlaid with notes, explaining everything in accordance with their claims. But on the continent of Europe, and in most Popish lands, their system has full scope. Abridgements of Scripture, Mass-Books, &c., are palmed upon the people as the Bible, and are shown to Protestants as such when they ask for the Bible. The Rev. J. A. Clark, Rector of St. Andrew's, Philadelphia, says that the only edition of the Bible authorised to be sold at Rome, is in 15 large vols., which are filled with Popish commentaries; and the only edition he could find in Malta, was Martini's, in 27 volumes (See Popery unveiled, 5th Lecture). Of course none but the rich can purchase a copy of the sacred Scriptures. Dr. McMurray, or Kirwin, could not find a Bible at Rome. He says the people have no Bible—they know nothing about it. Multitudes of the priests know nothing about it; and when asked why they have none for sale, the Booksellers will tell you that it is prohibited. Captain Packenham, once a Banker in that city, and a most respectable gentleman and devout Christian, is now in banishment for circulating the Scriptures there during the short existence of the republic. Substantially the same state of things exists in France, Spain and Austria. In 1820 the Pope published a Bull, forbidding the use of the New Testament in Roman Catholic Schools in Ireland—even with Romish notes—and even though the Roman Catholics wished it to be used. The priests then, after endeavoring in vain to exclude the Scriptures from the schools of the Kildare St. Society, contrived and propounded a scheme of education substantially the same as that which is now in operation, and which virtually excludes the Scriptures from the schools. The priests not yet satisfied with the exclusion of the Scriptures from the National Schools of Ireland, have since sought to have the Reading Books remodelled, and purged of everything which might give the least inkling of scripture doctrine and saving truth to the rising generation of that land. The history of Popery in Ireland, for the last 40 years, shows that Rome is never satisfied with anything less than the entire control of any people. Take these facts in connection with the statement of Father Simon, in his Critical History of