

London, Ont., Dec. 14, 1916.

Rev. Canon Tucker,
City.

Rev. Dear Sir :

I am in receipt of your letter of the 13th inst.

Though the statement to which I drew your attention is printed by the London Advertiser within quotation marks, and therefore on its face appears to the public as your exact language, I accept without reserve your denial of responsibility for the wording of the report. Nevertheless a great wrong has been done me. In view of this fact, and because I have never given utterance to a sentiment so abhorrent to myself and so foreign to the teaching of the Catholic Church, I ask if you do not feel that some public repudiation is due me by you of the words quoted with your name and authority, and which gave utterance to a thought that not only have I never held, but that could not be entertained by anyone familiar with Catholic doctrine.

I remain, Rev. Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

✠ M. F. FALLON,

Bishop of London.

The Rectory,
St. Paul's Cathedral,
London, Ont., Dec. 17, 1916.

My Lord:

I have been in bed for three days unable to attend to business.

In reply to your letter of Dec. 14th I would say that I fully accept your Lordship's assurance and shall take the earliest opportunity of saying so publicly.

This, however, leaves me in some perplexity. What you disavow so strongly has been familiar to me, as a commonplace, in the Province of Quebec. As a boy, living in that Province, I attended a French school, in which the pupils were taught, under the sanction of the Roman Catholic Church :—"hors de l'église Catholique, Apostolique et Romaine il n'y a pas de salut" (Outside the Church Catholic, Apostolic and Roman, there is no salvation), and as a resident of that Province for many years, in town and country, I never found that formula repudiated.

I am, with deep respect,

Yours most truly,

L. NORMAN TUCKER.