

Mr. Kiely	0	2	6
Howard	0	1	3
Mrs. Quirk	0	1	3
May Flemming	0	2	6
Friend	0	0	8
Mrs. O'Brien	0	1	3
Collected by Mr. Denis Heffernan.			
Mr. J. Schrage	£3	0	0
Timothy Bowes	1	3	1
Thomas Heney	0	13	9
Patrick Maher	0	8	9
Richard Phelan	0	8	9
William Finn	0	5	0
William Burns	0	5	0
John Morrissey	0	1	10
John Quate	0	3	1
Pat Fitzpatrick	0	1	3
Denis Falvey	0	1	3
Mr. Harrigan	0	1	3
Mrs. Taylor	0	0	7
Mrs. Foreman	0	0	7

A PROTESTANT CONVERTED TO CATHOLICITY

BY HER

BIBLE AND PRAYER BOOK.

Continued

"Now my dear parents, this treasure, I have found, fills my soul with such rapture, such gratitude and such peace, that I can but think of you all, and wish and pray, and pray and wish you may, each of you, yet possess it. I will now tell you what I have determined to do, previous to becoming a Catholic, for the satisfaction of your minds and to prove to you, upon what I have changed, and also my submission to you. I will go to the Protestant Bishop of this place, and have Protestants present to judge, and if he can satisfy my mind and shake my new faith, then I will never take that so much dreaded name; but to me it is even now inexpressibly dear, inasmuch as it bears my Saviour's mark, turn and examine it as I will.

"I have three things to ask you in justice to grant me! first, do not condemn me until you have heard me; secondly, from this time until I see you cease not to pray, that God will strengthen and defend you against all I may say, if it be not truth, but if it be truth, that he will open your eyes, touch your hearts, and overcome your scruples, so as to enable you to take that, which, though it may bring down scorn and reproach on your names will nevertheless, hereafter lead you to eternal life; then, thirdly, do not by word or deed seek to separate what God hath joined together, leave it to me to tell my husband of this change. Let no one

speak to him of it. The God I have trusted so long, and at last found, will take me through deep waters; I am not afraid—I have made up my account, and the balance is on my side. With many prayers, my best of parents, I commend you together with your other children to God.

"I must just mention to you, the occasion on which I first yielded to God's grace and determined to seek for myself, and discover what the Catholic faith really was. It was on hearing a discussion between a Protestant clergyman, and a Catholic priest, who ought both have known their own faiths, and that upon which they rested; but alas! for me, but one could give a reason from Scripture. The point discussed was their separate rule of faith. The one, I saw, neither knew his Bible, nor could he defend his faith from Scripture. He lost his temper twice, and when by the simplicity of truth and the words of Scripture, he was unconsciously brought to a Catholic principle, he got off by saying 'these are my opinions sir, and I care not what any one else thinks!' This from a disciple of Christ, one who is to teach Christ's flock, and to strive in prayer for their precious souls! oh, I dare not longer resist, my hour was come. On the other hand the priest was composed, unruffled in the conscious possession of truth, and to this unchristianlike remark he mildly said, 'then, sir, if you do not care for my soul, I care for yours, and if I cannot persuade you, do you try and persuade me, and I shall, at once, become a Protestant.' In short, all he said was to the purpose, and with that he was humble and christianlike, so that I, who felt my precious soul depending on their words, finding my native faith as unstable as him who offered to defend it, submitted to God. I would also mention that my clerical friend and hitherto defender of my soul, having left Edinburgh, in a letter urges me to fly from this religion, not because he can prove it to be false, but because—why, I really blush to write it,—because of *my husband, my children, and my friends*. How strange, when these are the very causes that urge me on! If I might hesitate about myself, when I think of these so inexpressibly dear to me, I could not, if I would disregard the call. Besides, the Saviour I have found, expressly tells me, I must leave all, even these, for his sake, if called to do it, and by the grace of God, I will do it, notwithstanding this appeal on my weakest point. With many tears and prayers, for you all, believe me your affectionate child,

FANNY MARIA PITTAR."

I shall now give a copy of my partial search of my Bible—partial it can but be, when I could only devote three or four days to it, and I find, that every time I open my Bible, I have to add text upon