

privileges of man. This Church has degraded, and brought to ruin and dishonour, every nation which has been governed by her.

I could give many other reasons on account of which it would be impossible for me to be again a Roman Catholic; but I hope that these already mentioned are sufficient to make it clear to my dear fellow countrymen that having once for all accepted Christ and His Holy Word as my sole guide for faith and practice, I could never again bend my knee before idols and gods of cake.

It is my wish and desire that this declaration of my faith should be made public, and to this end I charge my son-in-law, the Rev. JOSEPH MORIN, of Montreal, to publish it in the English and French papers, as he shall see fit.

BRIEF SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF FATHER CHINIQUEY.

Father Chiniquy was born in the town of Kamoraska, Canada, on 30th July, 1809. From his infancy he was taught the Scriptures by his pious mother, and got to love so many of the chapters that he committed them to memory. When only nine years of age he had learnt by heart the history of the creation and fall of man, the deluge, the sacrifice of Isaac, the history of Moses, the plagues of Egypt, the hymn of Moses after crossing the Red Sea, the most interesting events in the life of David, several Psalms, the parables of Christ, and the whole history of our Saviour as narrated by John. Father Chiniquy thus describes an incident in his early life which much impressed him:—

“One day when I was at home with my parents the priest of the village came on a visit. His name was Rev. Mr. Courtois, a man of unpleasant appearance. This priest was born in France where he had a narrow escape of being condemned to death under the administration of Robespierre. He found a refuge, however, first in England and latterly in Canada. On this occasion he addressed my