

holder and more raging, for soon after a respectable and intelligent young Irish school teacher and myself became the objects of more severe threats. However, we continued going out as usual in the evening as well as in day time, and neither of us was molested whilst I was there; but I had not been absent two days when I heard that a crowd of roughs had gathered, taken hold of my friend while walking on the platform of the Hotel, dragged him in the street, and whilst one was beating him brutally, the others would cry, "Kill the turn-coat, kill the turn-coat!!" Three Protestants were standing by, but were prevented from going to the rescue by the crowd of the followers of "The only True Church," who had sticks in their hands and threatened the lives of those who would dare to interfere. There were magistrates within a few steps; but it seems as if there were no law to protect the heretics. That young man would perhaps have been murdered at the very door of a magistrate's house, had it not been for the interference of a brave woman who dispersed the ruffians and thereby gave an opportunity to a Protestant to go to the rescue. He was taken into the house, but the *lambs* of the Pope remained at the door for a long time, like tigers watching to lay hold of their prey. The victim had been a Roman Catholic, but had become a heretic and consequently he deserved to be exterminated according to the spirit of Romanism!! This is what Roman Catholics understand by "Liberty of conscience."

Now, dear Christian friends, when such facts are brought before our notice, should not our hearts burn with the desire to put down Romanism not by the sword and persecution as the Roman Church does in her attempts to put down Protestantism; but by taking the word of God as our weapon, and striving to enlighten its followers with the light of the Gospel.

As I was proceeding on my collecting tour, I never missed an opportunity to speak to Roman Catholics, and God in His infinite goodness, has shed light in the hearts of four persons. The wife of one had been a Protestant, but had become a Roman Catholic under the following circumstances, according to her own story:

Two of her children had died and were buried in the Roman Catholic cemetery as her husband was determined to have it so. She took sick and being asked if she wanted to have the priest sent for, she refused; but after a few days, becoming very weak and losing all hopes of recovery, she consented as she was desirous of being buried with her children; but the priest refused to administer the rites of his church until she promised to remain faithful in case of her recovery, to which she agreed, and on my visiting her, she informed me that she had regularly

confessed since that occasion; but after having related to her the conversations which took place between her husband and myself, and exposed some of the errors of Romanism, she rejoiced at the fact of his being determined to follow the teachings of the word of God. Her husband being present, I read, exhorted them, and prayed with them. After which, with tears in their eyes, they expressed the joy they felt in realising that Jesus was no longer an angry God, but a merciful Saviour who would in no wise cast out whosoever would come unto Him. Now, as far as I know, they are both faithful, but not to the Romish Church.

Another incident:

While in Westville, N. S., I met 3 Alsatians, two of whom Roman Catholics, and after a long conversation during which I discussed different doctrines of Romanism, they bought a Testament, and were anxious that I should go and live among them.

I have not the least doubt that with the help of God, a missionary speaking the two languages, and who would take an interest in their temporal as well as in their spiritual welfare, could do a great deal of good among them; for they are strangers in a strange land, and not being able to speak English, they scarcely know what to do.

The other, a young man of 22 years of age, is a Protestant, but had not thought much about religion since he had left home. He has a fair education and has a master miner's diploma. Having exhorted him to think of the salvation of his soul, I represented to him the condition of the French population of these Provinces, and the need of missionaries of the Cross. Advised him to think seriously and prayerfully on the subject for two or three weeks, and then should he wish to devote his life as a servant in the Lord's vineyard, to let me know and I would do all in my power to help him. The following is the letter which I received from him four weeks after:

"I now fulfil the promise I made you upon leaving. Since that day, I have reflected upon the words uttered by you, and which made me happy, because they were the means by which I realised that this world is nothing but a shadow, and that we should think more of eternal life than of our bodies which are nothing but dust. I, at the same time, answer your question. I would think myself happy to be able to follow you and become a disciple of Jesus Christ. To-day I am your servant. Command and I am ready to obey as a son is to obey to his father.

In the meantime I shall read the Testament which you have left us as the food for our souls."

I shall make no comments upon the above, but shall leave it for the considera-