

earth with heaven. And how inexpressible is their importance, since their field is the world, and their constituents "all nations!" And since their end is to win and train for CHRIST and heaven, all who can be brought under their influence; and to restrain the very irreclaimable from utter recklessness.

Fathers and mothers, send your dear children to the Sabbath School, and go yourselves if you can! Young men and maidens go and do likewise! God will bless it to you. It will help you in your own soul, in secret prayer, and at the family altar. It will not supersede the sacred duties of family training, but it will greatly aid and enliven them, till they become a delight to young and old, and you can say with joyful boldness, "as for me and my home, we will serve the LORD." Amen.

A PRIEST'S LETTER OF ABJURATION.

To Mgr. Fabre, R. C. Bishop of Montreal.

MY LORD.—Allow me to inform you that I renounce from this day the Roman Church's errors, to follow only the teachings of Jesus Christ, such as the Gospel gives to us; and let me give you some of my reasons: I was born of Roman Catholic parents in Italy, and was ordained a Roman Priest in 1866 by Mgr. Sallusti Selitti, Bishop of Melphi, in the Kingdom of Naples. But since that time the light which God has given me has weakened from day to day the convictions with which the ignorance and superstition so well cultivated at Rome had obscured my intelligence. And, truly, how puerile and ridiculous are those new dogmas of the immaculate conception and of the Papal infallibility, which Pius IX. has added to so many others, against which human intelligence and conscience protested already! And that Syllabus, which is nothing else than a large extinguisher of all national liberties and all truths of the Gospel, has it not arrived to my intelligence as it does to the intelligence of so many others, as the knell of death of all the principles of truth and honesty which God had put in my soul? Although Italy has made a great step towards liberty, the Pope's yoke was yet too heavy for my shoulders. I came to

Canada with the hope of breathing a purer and freer atmosphere. But I have not been long here without perceiving that the clerical tyranny which chains so many intelligences in Italy, is yet more heavy in Canada than in my fatherland. Therefore, by the grace of God, I am decided to break the chains by which the Pope has kept me too long at his feet.

I have been to hear and see Father Chiniquy, whom divine Providence has chosen to pluck so many precious souls from the darkness of Romanism, and I have found in him all that Paul found in Ananias. With this new friend I have read the Gospel, I have meditated upon its sublime and consoling truths, and I have prayed the Saviour, who has said to all the unfortunate children of Adam, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." At the feet of the Saviour I have found the light, the peace and the life of my soul, and I cannot enough bless my God for that. I pray Almighty God, who has saved me by His Son Jesus Christ, and who has enlightened me by His Gospel, to give you the same grace, the power and the light that you want to break the heavy yoke that you carry, and with which you keep your people at the feet of the papal idol.

Your Lordship's obedient servant,

ANTHONY INTERSCIORI.

GLEANINGS AND THAT SORT OF THING.

THE CHAIRS OF THEOLOGY IN GLASGOW UNIVERSITY.—Professor Caird has given notice of a motion at the General Council of the University of Glasgow—"That it be represented to the University Court that it is desirable that the Chairs of Theology in the Universities should cease to be confined to members of the Established Church." We understand that Dr. Badenoch, of London, will move an amendment—"That, as leading principles of the Reformation are imperilled, it is desirable that Chairs of Theology in the Universities be strengthened; and, for the greater encouragement of students for the ministry, steps be taken for establishing scholarships in connection with these Chairs."