

Peter : Here, George, we are close at home. I will just remind you of that common-sense remark of our Lord : *What doth it profit a man if he gain the whole world, and suffer the loss of his own soul ?*

George : Oh, I have made up my mind ! I am not going to be dictated to in this matter by Farmer Smirke or any one else. I intend to examine into this matter, and if I find that the Catholic church is the true church, I shall be a Catholic, let them say and do what they please.

Peter : Then go to the Presbytery to-morrow evening and Father Augustine will instruct you. And as you will want a few books to read, I will recommend a few. In the first place, of course, is the *Catechism of Christian Doctrine* (1d.), and *Facts of Faith* (6d.). Then I recommend the shilling volumes called, *The Church of Old England*. † For prayer books, get the *Garden of the Soul* (6d.), the *Prayer and Mass Book* (6d.) ; or you can get for 1d. each, the *Simple Prayer Book* and the *Book of the Mass*. You can send for them to the Catholic Truth Society. You need not get them all at once.

George : Thank you, Peter : good night.

Peter : Good night, George. And don't forget to pray for God's grace ; you will want it before you are a month older.

As Peter walked up the pathway to his cottage, he murmured to himself : « Our Lord's words are as true now as ever ; *a man's enemies shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than Me, is not worthy of Me.* † And as he entered his cottage he heard George shutting his door with a decision which said as plainly as words could do : « I am not going to be prevented from doing what I know to be right, what any man may say, or do. » God grant that he acted so.

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* St. Matt. xvi. 26.

† Catholic Truth Society : the pamphlets contained in the volumes can be procured separately.

‡ St. Matt. x. 36