

ments. She had not evidently been carefully taught those errors of her faith. Had I known the truth then, as now, I could have shown her that the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ which we profess is as old as the eternal Word of God, which was taught and propagated by the Saviour and His apostles. The early church remained true to their teachings for several hundred years, but gradually errors began to creep in from association with pagans and idolators around them, as well as from the admission into the church, of those whose hearts were not changed, and were Christians only by profession. Our own church at present is in the same danger. Romanism to-day, bears many points of similarity to the paganism of heathen lands. A converted Hindoo in Montreal, a few years since, declared himself specially struck by the resemblance. They bow down and pray to images, and even to higher ecclesiastics, and carry on their persons charms and scapulas which they think will ward off innumerable evils, etc., etc.

Which think you my young readers is the oldest and real church of Christ? That which adheres to and follows the direct teaching of the Saviour and His apostles, and which was taught by the early primitive church; or that of Rome at the present day, which is chiefly composed of dogmas, gradually introduced from century to century, as our ecclesiastical histories tell us, in the following order, viz:

The worship and veneration of the Virgin Mary began in the 4th century, but was put down as heresy. It was not enjoined on the church as a dogma for several hundred years after.

Worship of images in,.....	709.
Celibacy of the Clergy,	1139.
Private confession to a priest,.....	1215.
Purgatory and prayers for the dead,	1439.
Transubstantiation as doctrine,	1215.
Apocrypha added to Scripture,.....	1540.
Sacrifice of mass,.....	1215.
Persecution of heretics enjoined,.....	1215.
Pope Pius 6th added 12 new articles, which are now the rules of the church in.....	1564.
Immaculate conception,	1854.
Infallibility of the Pope,.....	1870.

This shows the church of Rome to be a mere ecclesiastical structure instead of the church of Christ and His apostles.

Again, what a dangerous example is set for our young people, in the worldly and careless lives of the unconverted members of our churches, who frequent theatres, and permit card playing and dancing in their homes, proving themselves but stumbling blocks in the way of numbers, who otherwise might be won for Christ and His service. Only those who come out from the world and give the blessed Master a whole and undivided heart, can be holy, happy Christians.

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The little booklet "Why are we Protestants" will give our young readers a great deal of needed information. It can be procured at room No. 20, of our Woman's Missionary Society, Toronto, for 5 cents.

"MANY INFALLIBLE PROOFS."

AN EXERCISE FOR ELEVEN CHILDREN.

ALL RECITE.—Many proofs, immortal Saviour,
Thou didst give thine own,
Of thy wondrous resurrection,
Ere returning to thy throne.
Risen and ascended Lord,
Help us all receive thy word

FIRST SCHOLAR.—"Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene."

SECOND.—"Then to other loving women
Sweetly scattering all the gloom;
Latest at the cross, they lingered,
Earliest gathered at the tomb."

THIRD.—Then, "He was seen of Cephas," or Peter.

FOURTH.—"After that, He appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked and went into the country."

FIFTH.—"Then the same day at evening, came Jesus and stood in the midst," but Thomas was not there.

SIXTH.—"And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them; then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, 'Peace be unto you.'"

ALL RECITE TOGETHER.—"Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."

SEVENTH.—He appeared to nine disciples at the Sea of Galilee.

EIGHTH.—Then, to five hundred persons on a mountain of Galilee.

NINTH.—He appeared to the Apostle James

TENTH.—Then to all the Apostles.

ELEVENTH.—After that, "He was received up into Heaven, and sat on the right hand of God."

(Sing to Autumn or any 8's and 7's tune.)

ALL SING.—We, O Lord, with hearts adoring,
Follow Thee above the sky;
Hear our prayers, thy grace imploring
Lift our souls to Thee on high;
So when Thou again in glory
On the clouds of Heaven shall shine,
We, thy flock, shall stand before thee,
Owned for evermore as thine.

WORDS FROM ONE OF OUR OWN WORKERS.

We hear a great deal in missionary speeches, of "the regions beyond"—and immediately our thoughts go forth to the deserts of Africa, the interior of China, the unknown, unvisited plains of Thibet, or the unevangelized islands of the sea. But did it ever occur to us that possibly there may be unevangelized "regions beyond" in our own hearts? There, for instance, may be the region of narrow intelligence, to be made wider by systematic missionary reading, or the region of scanty giving, to be made rich by new self-denial and nobler offerings to Christ's treasury; or the region of arid prayer, to be made fertile and hopeful by more earnest pleading with God, "for the souls yet lying in the arms of the wicked one."

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