

alluding to Simon as the stone which was to be the foundation stone of the Church. For the priest knows very well that Saint Augustine and many other fathers said that Christ was speaking of Himself when He said, "Upon this rock I will build my Church." (Matt. xvi. 18).

(4) I can never again be a Roman Catholic, for I know that auricular confession is a diabolical institution, as I have amply proved in my book "The Priest, the Woman, and the Confessional."

(5) I will never return to Roman Catholicism, for I have seen with my own eyes that which passes inside the walls of Rome. I have found there every abomination which defiles this earth. Priestly celibacy is a diabolical invention. The purgatory, full of poor souls who burn there, and are only saved by the payment of money to the Church, is a diabolical invention. The prohibition to eat meat on certain days is a diabolical invention. The infallibility of the Pope, and the "immaculate conception of the mother of God," are diabolical inventions.

(6) God helping me, I will never think of returning to the Church of Rome, or being reconciled to her, for her priests, her bishops, and her popes have shed the blood of millions of martyrs, from John Huss to our dear brother Hackett. On the hands of the popes I see the blood of 75,000 Protestants massacred on the eve of Saint Bartholomew, and the blood of half a million Christians slaughtered on the mountains of Piedmont.

(7) I will never again be a Roman Catholic, for the Church of Rome is the implacable enemy of the laws of God, and the rights, liberties, and