

tent, he threw himself at the Pope's feet. Then, giving His Holiness a full account of the whole proceedings, he humbly asked pardon for his hardness of heart and want of faith. The Pontiff, filled with astonishment at so startling a history, absolved the good priest, and assigned to him a suitable penance.

(Will be continued.)

OUTWARD RESPECT.

"Monsignor Mermillod tells us that, when vicar of Geneva, he was the cause of converting a Protestant by simply making a genuflection before the Blessed Sacrament. It was his custom to go every evening and pay a visit to the church, trim the lamp, see that the door was securely fastened, and that nobody remained hidden, for they were always afraid of a sacrilege. He returned to the foot of the altar, made a devout genuflection, and, in leaving, kissed the ground as a mark of perfect adoration.

One evening, believing himself quite alone, he was in the act of rising after concluding his devotions, when he heard a noise, the confessional door opened and a lady came out.

"What are you doing here at this hour, madame?" I asked.

"I am a Protestant," she replied, as you know; I have attended the Lenten services, and listened to the instruction which you gave on the Real Presence. I was convinced by your arguments; one doubt alone remained—forgive me for expressing it: 'Does he believe,' I asked myself. I came here to see if, in secret, you would behave toward the Holy Eucharist as one who believed; I was resolved, if I saw your conduct accorded with your teaching, to become converted. I came and I believe. Hear my confession." She became a very fervent Catholic.

"The Little Crusader."
