

He has done for my soul."

These last ten years, at the request of many eminent Christians in America and Europe, I have written what I heard and saw when within the walls of the modern Babylon during the fifty years I was a slave of the Pope, and particularly during the twenty-five years I was a priest of that modern paganism. I do not exaggerate when I say that this book by the mercy of God, is the most interesting ever written on Romanism. For the first time, the inside life of Popery is given with the exactness of photography.

From the supreme art with which the young and timid child's intelligence is fettered, enslaved and paralyzed, to the degradation of the priest under the iron heel of the bishop, everything is revealed to the world as it has never been. The daily superstitions, the ridiculous and humiliating practices, the secret and terrible mental agonies of the priests, the monks and the nuns; their blind abnegation, their awful self-denial, are exposed as they never were before. The errors and sophistries of Romanism discussed and refuted, I dare say, with a clearness and an evidence which my twenty-five years of priesthood alone can teach me.

It is not in boasting that I say this. There can not be any boasting in my having been so many years a priest of Rome. On the contrary, I feel unspeakably sad, when I think that I have spent twenty-five years of my life in the service of the idols of Rome. But if having been so long tied to the feet of the Pope is a sad thing, there is to-day for me an advantage which no living Protestant does possess. It has given me an opportunity of knowing Rome more thoroughly than any one. Who knows if God had not left me so many years in the dark dungeons and formidable fortresses of the Pope that I might reveal to the world the yet untold, unsuspected, awful mysteries of degradation, slavishness and corruption of Popery?

The secret of the power of Rome is in the large and universal ignorance of both Protestants and Roman Catholics about her schemes, impotencies, and dark plots defiling theological doctrines, inexcusable corruption and her implacable hatred against all the rights of man. Romanism is a never-ceasing conspiracy against every kind of authority, power and government, in order to raise itself over their ruins.

I have thought it my sacred duty to reveal these things to the nations of America and Europe, that they might be put

on their guard against the formidable dangers which are threatening their very existence.

The book I offer to the disciples of Christ is an arsenal filled with the best weapons they ever got, to fight, with the help of God, and conquer their implacable foe—Rome.

One of the most zealous and able champions of Protestantism in England, the Rev. Dr. Badenoch, writing lately to a friend on that book said:—

"I do not think there is a Protestant work more thrilling in interest and more important at the present time. It is not only full of incidents, but also of arguments on the side of truth with all classes of Romanists, from the bishop to the cure. I know no work which gives so graphically the inner springs of Roman Catholic life, and at the same time, meets the plausible objections to Protestantism found in Roman Catholic circles. I wish with all my heart that this work should be published in England."

The venerable, learned and so well-known Dr. Kemp, these last six years Principal of the Young Ladies College, Ottawa, wrote lately to a friend about that book:

"Understanding that it is the Rev. O. Chiniquy's intentions to ask the aid of his friends in the countries he has visited since he is a Protestant to publish his book 'Fifty years in the Church of Rome,' I hope he will have no difficulty in obtaining the assistance he requires. He has submitted every chapter of this work to me, and I have read it with care and with the deep interest, and I commend it to the public favor in the highest terms. It is the only book I know that gives anything like a full and authentic account of the inner working of the Papacy on this continent, and so effectively unmasks its presence to sanctity. Besides the most interesting biographical incidents, it also contains conclusive refutations of the most plausible assumptions and deadly errors of the Romish Church. It is well fitted to awaken Protestants to the insidious designs of this arch-enemy of their faith and liberties, and to arouse them to decisive opposition. It is written in a kindly and Christian spirit: it does not indulge in denunciations, and, while speaking the truth, it does so in love. Its style is lively, and its English good, with only a delicate flavour of the author's native French."

It would be easy to give many more kind appreciations of that book. I hope however, that these two are sufficient.