TRIALS OF A MIND

ANOTHER LETTER FROM A METHODIST GENTLEMAN WHO IS SEEKING THE CITY OF PEACE

Hamiota, Man., July 17, 1913 Dear Mr. Coffey,—Once again I take the pleasure of writing you, to tell you what progress I have made in my studies of the Holy Catholic Faith, and also to ask a few ques-tions, and your advice on one or two

First of all, let me say that I have studied the attitude of the Catholic Church towards the Bible, and I feel that I must come to the conclusion that the attitude she has taken is the right one. There are, I suppose, few Christians who really read and study the Word of God as I do, and I must say that I do love it. It is the greatest treasure of my heart. I feel that I have to thank the Catholic Church for preserving the Bible. I readily admit that in my studies I have not wholly relied upon the Holy Spirit for my guide and teacher, but have trusted in books, sermons, and creeds of the church, with what result, that on some points I am steadfast, and immovable, but on others I am like a small boat at sea, tossed about by almost every wave, because of trying to prove all things by the Word of God

I was totally unaware of the alteration of the text of Scripture by Martin Luther, in his interpretation, and one of the first books I intend sending for shortly will be a Douay version of the Bible. The alterations in Scripture is to my mind a strong reason why Catholics do not accept the Protestant versions. I am ready to give up all my previous views of Christian doctrine and dogmas if the Catholic Church can guarantee to interpret Scripture in the same way and by the same methods as was obtained by the early fathers of the Church, and of

the apostles. I admire the way that Catholics hold to the inspiration of the Bible, and their deep reverence and love for it. The belief among Protestants concerning the attitude of the Cath. olic Church in keeping the Bible away from the people, is entirely erroneous, as I see it is advertised in the catalogues of Catholic booksell. ers and publishers and that they are encouraged to read it.

Now take the doctrine of Transubstantiation. I looked up the various accounts in the gospel of Matthew, Mark and Luke, with also Paul's account in his epistle to the Corin thians, and what do I find, and what are my conclusions? Well, here again I must admit of my ignorance concerning the Holy Eucharist and I feel and deeply feel that I must take Jesus at His word, even as I took Him at His word concerning my salvation. Here we have no less than four different accounts, and yet each one agrees in referring to the Bread as My Body and the Wine as My Blood. I see no reason whatever take it in a figurative sense, as we Protestants do, and to do so is corrupting Scripture itself. May God indeed forgive me for the view I used to take, and I thank Him with all my heart for opening my eyes to the truth, and bringing me nearer and closer to Himself, as He is doing. True, I can only accept it by faith now, but may it not be long before I drink His blood and eat His flesh as He has commanded us.

Thirdly, I have studied the doc trine of Purgatory, a doctrine which practically every Protestant denomination rejects. Yet to my mind it is most reasonable, when reasoned out, and has settled in my heart and mind the doctrine of assurance which the Plymouth brethren and other Evangelical bodies hold, and other Evangencal bodies noid, and the doctrine of assurance as given by Wesley and held generally by the Methodist Church throughout the world. By accepting the doctrine of purgatory, I for the first time saw the full justice of God, and as Christ Himself referred to it on more than one occasion I feel that it is for me to accept and not to reject.

Then again, regarding confession let me tell you my own experience I was sent down to Miniota by the Methodist minister of Hamiota, as it is considered to be a pretty bad place, In fact it was the worst town I have ever lived in. There are three churches, Anglican, Presbyterian and Methodist, but spiritually speaking the place is dead and the churches on some occasions are not anywhere near half full. The place seems to be given up to worldliness and selfishness and the breaking of the Sabbath. It is also a local option town, but there is almost as much Aiquor drunk as in towns of its size where it is allowed. The Methodist minister thought that I might be able to do a little good down there. Well, sir, I stayed there for about two years and three months, and, with the exception of visiting the minister of our church occasionally. minister of our church occasionally. I had no friend about my age or anyone really to be able to talk to about spiritual matters, and to whom I could pour out my heart. I used to feel very lonely and longed for someone to talk to, and to ask advice on certain matters. Well, as I think and read about the confessional I feel that this is something I need. Someone to talk to, to confess my sins and faults to, that I might be advised and instructed how to overcome them—someone whom I can absolutely trust and look upon as a clear. absolutely trust and look upon as a friend in time of doubt, trouble and difficulty. To my mind the Catholic priest fills this position. Well, after being there for the time mentioned, I decided to have a change, so I came back to Hamiota, have, different class of neonle al. among a different class of people al- N. Y.

together. But still I feel that Miniota is the place for me. True, I got terribly discouraged and disheartened there, but just before I left God opened my eyes to a little good which I had done, and how it was appreciated specially amongst people who I never expected any encour-agement from. Besides I shall prob-ably be a member of the Catholic Church before my return and I want my friends and those whom I have come in contact with to know about my change, and for them to see that have not changed for the worse but that I am more loving and kind and helpful to all I come in touch with, and so I firmly believe that confession of my sins to the priest will not make me deceitful and a liar, as some think, but just the contrary. It will prove a real means of spiritual help to the higher life.

Now for just a few of my difficul-ties before closing. Well, first of all, I am in an entire Protestant part of Manitoba, and I do not think there is a Catholic Church for about forty or fifty miles, and I am afraid I can not keep the fasts and the holydays as I should do. Then again I se that a Catholic is required to receive Holy Communion at least once year, at Easter, and as Easter gener-ally falls right in seeding time, I would, as a hired man, find it ex-tremely difficult to get off.

I have been baptized and also con-firmed according to the ritual of the Church of England. Would I have to be confirmed over again? I see that it is not necessary to be bap-tised again, unless there was any But of course I have no ob jection to being either confirmed or paptized again according to the rite of the Catholic Church.

One of my chief difficulties is this, as I have stated before, that, being in a Protestant part of Manitoba, and no Catholic Church near at hand. would I be permitted to attend to one of the Protestant churches, as I have always been since my conversion to Christ a regular attendant of the church. I think nothing of walking four or five miles to do so. always do my very best to keep the Sabbath by attending service, religious reading and studying. and course if there was a Catholic Church near at hand I should not think of going anywhere else, and it seems under these circumstances that it would not be wrong. I have been seriously thinking of writing to the Methodist minister of Miniota, to ask him to take my name off the church roll, as I already hold certain Catholic views, which are not in accordance with the Methodist religion, namely, the doctrines of Transubstantiation, purgatory and the confessional, as well as the Catholic Church's attitude towards the Bible

These Catholic truths I am ready and willing to defend at any time, as well as other truths which I have to study yet, and I am convinced that with the Word of God and the Traditions of the Catholic Church, which have been handed down from the Apostles to the early Fathers. You will observe by this letter that I am dealing with you in a candid and straightforward manner, and have every reason to believe that not only you interested in me yourself, but also the Catholic Church.

I should also like to know what preparations I should make to become a Catholic, also to whom I should write to and where, and also how to address the priest in communication. I intended either going to Brandon or Winnipeg in November, after having studied the remain-

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ing essential doctrines of the Church, and my conclusion being favourable, to be received in the Catholic faith.

I cannot thank you enough, Mr. Coffey, for your kindness, and also for the blessings which come as I for the blessings which come as I open my Catholic prayer book, and pray. True such lovely expressions and beautiful thoughts contained in your prayers can have only one effect and that is drawing the wandering sinner, the prodigal child, also the sons and daughters of the living God to the Sacred Heart of

I am beginning to write now to my many Protestant Christian friends in the Old Country to tell them of my convictions and to tell them of the step I am considering to take. I firmly believe in being sincere, and not to be ashamed of the Cross of Christ and His Holy Church. I have studied from time to time the differ ent Protestant sects to try and fine out which is indeed the most Christlike, regardless of the different theories of doctrine they hold, but I find the nearest approach is the Salvation Army, but I am entirely sorry to see that they neglect our Blessed Lord's command in regard to baptism and the Holy Eucharist. While studying this I never for a moment gave any thought to the Catholic Church as I looked upon her (please forgive me for saying so) as the anti-Christ, which is to come But now as I think, read and study how everything is so changed and I am really beginning to love her with my whole heart. Why the very terms of priest and Catholic, I used to hate, but now I love and reverence

Now I will draw to a close asking your advice whether you would think it wise for me join the Catholic Church in November, or wait until another year. True, I do not myself altogether like to wait, as we all are aware that life is so uncer tain and death is sure. I could stop up all night and keep on writing, but I must say good night, and may the ever Blessed Trinity abide with you, and prosper you in your work as proprietor of the CATHOLIC RECORD, which is a splendid paper.

Yours sincerely
GEO. HAMMOND.

ASHAMED OF THE NAME What is a Protestant? Mr. Bonar Law has aroused the indignation of the Anglicans because he has so designated adherents to the Church of England. The Church Times, an Anglican organ of the country, speaks of the many he "has offended by the use of the offensive epithet." Dictionaries are useful on certain occasions. This is one of them. The Century tells us that a Protestant is "a member or adherent of one of those Christian bodies which are descended from the Re formation of the sixteenth century : in general language opposed Roman Catholic and Greek." Another lexicographer understands the word as "a general term com-prehending all who profess Christianity and are not in union with the Church of Rome." It may be that the Anglicans have ceased to profess Christianity, and the protest is justi fiable on no other grounds, provided

taken as correct.
Viewed in another light, we can hardly blame the Church of England for being ashamed of Protestantism, even though it has not yet summoned up the courage to repudiate it altogether. The wonder is, why have so many tolerated so long its variegated apologies for religious beliefs ?-Providence (R. I.) Visitor.

the foregoing definitions may be

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The Encyclopedia Press, Incorpor ated, is the name which the publish ers of the Catholic Encyclopedia have adopted in place of Robert Appleton Company, the name under which they were incorporated in 1905

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new company. Gradually, however, confusion arose between the names of the two Appleton companies, so that the edi-tors and Directors of the Encyclo-pedia decided that it was advisable to change the name. In choosing their new title, The Encyclopedia Press, they have chosen one that suits the character of the publication already completed, whilst it will also be suitable for other similar also be suitable for other similar publications which they are urged on all sides to undertake.

A few years ago a Methodist preacher of Chicago tried to introduce it, but he soon filed charges

This change of name does not mean that the company itself will be changed in any sense, the Directors, Officers, the Board of Editors, the administration and the policy of the Company will remain the same. Conde B. Pallen is President of the Encyclopedia Press; Arthur Kenedy Vice President and Treasurer Vice-President and Treasurer; Walter Magee, Assistant Treasurer and Secretary.

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CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' NOVITI-

ATE. TORONTO The students of St. Joseph's Junior Novitiate, Toronto, made a very creditable showing in the recent depart mental examinations. In the Lower School entrance to Normal the following passed: Raymond Powers (honors), Toronto; Alfred Brohmann (honors), Mildmay; Harold Sehl, Waterloo; John Breen, Douglas. In the Middle School entrance mal the following passed: Edward Riordan (honors), Toronto; Thomas Shanahan (honors), Montreal: Joseph Lynett, Ayton; Stephen Primeau, Montreal; Leo O'Reilly, Drayton. The following successfully completed their Normal School course and re-

ceived interim second class professional certificates: Charles Grant Toronto; Basil McGregor, Brantford; Peter Ray, Waterdown; Thomas Breen, Douglas; Ambrose O'Reilly, Ayton. The Brothers have accommo dation for six more boys to begin the course of studies in September. Information in regard to the admission of students, etc., may be had by writing to the Brother Director, 28 Duke Street, Toronto.

RELIGIOUS PROFESSION AND RECEPTION, URSULINE CON-VENT. CHATHAM

The chapel of the Ursuline Convent, Chatham, was the scene of a very imposing ceremony last Tuesday ladies made their religious profession, and others were clothed in the habit of the Ursuline Order. The sanctuary and altars were resplendent with lights and flowers, and a large congregation of relatives and friends of the religious had assembled from many parts of Canada and the States to assist at the function.

In the absence of our Right Reverend Bishop, the ceremony was performed by the Administrator, Rev. T. West, of St. Thomas. The High Mass was celebrated by Right Rev. Monsignor Aylward, Rector of the Cathedral, who also preached an eloquent and forceful sermon, using as his text these words from the gospel of the ceremony; "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me." (Matt. xvi. 24.)

The following novices pronounced their vows and received the black of profession :- Sr. M. Dolores, Miss E. McIntyre, London ; Sr. M. Constance Miss L. Cain, Port Lambton; Sr. M. Florence, Miss K. Fallon, London Sr. M. Ste. Anne, Miss G. Lachance Gananoque; Sr. M. Fidelis, Miss M. O'Keefe, Chatham; Sr. M. Bertille, Miss S. Soulier, Windsor; Sr. M. Winifred, Miss T. Kelly, New York. The young ladies who received the habit and white veil are: Miss Josephine Taylor, Hamilton, Sr. M. Camilla ; Miss Alice O'Connor, Toronto, Sr. M. Ambrose.

The following clergymen also hon-ored the occasion with their presence: Very Rev. Father James, O. F. M., Chatham, who acted as master of ceremonies; Rev. A. J. Loiselle, Canard River, deacon of the Mass; Rev. J. Fallon, Tilbury, sub-deacon; Rev. W. Patten, O.M. I., Winnipeg; Rev. J. P. Kehoe, Gananoque; Rev. F. W. Doyle, S. J., Guelph; Rev. M. D. Saint-Cyr, Stoney Point; Rev. F. P. White, St. Columban; Rev. P. Langlois, Tecumseh: Rev. C. Parent Tilbury; Rev. Father Herman, O. F. M. Chatham; Rev. T. Martin, Prairie Siding; Rev. L. Landreville, Drysdale; Rev. D. Brisson, Staples; Rev. Father Pros-per, O. F. M., Chatham; Rev. J. Dunn, Chatham; Rev. H. Robert, Walkerville; Rev. F. Odrowski, Port Lambton; Rev. F. Rooney, Windsor.

IMITATIONS ARE DANGEROUS

A newspaper report says that the Rev. Dr. Charles M. Sheldon, author of "In His Steps," who some years ago ran a Topeka, Kan., newspaper for a week "as Christ would run it," startled the Christian Endeavors in convention at Los Angeles recently by urging the union of all Protestant churches under one head, and the establishment of the confessiona therein. His address was not made to the convention, but to some of the delegates in a church.

The power of the Catholic Church

in Topeka and had found that the confessional worked great good.

Dr. Sheldon's suggestion has created a sensation in Protestant circles and the newspapers have taken up the discussion. But it will never lead to the adoption of the con-fessional by Protestants. That is the last thing they want, as it is the great stumbling block that keeps so many out of the Catholic Church.

ITCHEL NECKWEAR MENT ON ALLITY STYLE VARIETY

against a brother minister on information received in "confession." The resulting lawsuit nearly broke is playing a dangerous game. Nearly the Catholic Church have been imitated, more or less successfully, enthusiastic sectarians. But they should beware of confession. It must be the real thing or nothing. Imitations are dangerous.

MARRIAGE

O'HANLEY-ANDERSON. - On Tues day July 22, 1913, at Seaforth, by Rev. Corcoran, P. P., Angus O'Hanley, Esq., of East Williams, to Miss Pearl Anderson, of McKillop.

MEEHAN-REATH .- At Holy Angels' Church, St. Thomas, on July 30th, 1913, by Rev. Father West, P. P., Mr. Frank C. Meehan, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Meehan to Miss Rovena Reath, daughter of the late Mr. Wm. Reath.

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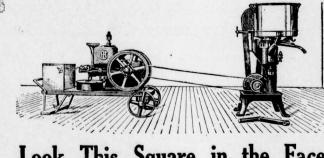
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