

Two Experiments With the X-Rays

I.—CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT NATIONS

"Now the end of the commandment is charity, from a pure heart, and a good conscience, and an unfeigned faith. From which things some going astray, are turned aside unto vain babbling: desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither the things they say, nor whereof they affirm." I. Tim. I. 5-7.

It would be difficult to find words more appropriate to give a complete description of that religious demagogue known to Winnipeggers as the Rev. J. L. Gordon and the abortive issue of his overheated imagination, called "Roman Catholicism under the X-rays." The sermon, "vain babbling," and the preacher, an individual, "desiring to be a teacher of the law, yet understanding neither the things he says, nor whereof he affirms."

You have read, no doubt, of the important work that has been accomplished of late years by the X-rays.

Not only have they been used to lay bare to the eye the interior of the human body, but they have been tried also, with certain good results, in various illnesses, such as cancer and superficial tuberculosis. On the other hand, the actual danger of the X-rays to the operator has been discovered.

Thus Dr. Kassabian recently died

from cancer induced by the very rays with which he was treating patients. Dr. Wilson of the London Hospital lost several of his fingers as a result of the rays.

Need Protection

Consequently operators now work behind leaden screens to protect themselves from the destructive rays. We may conclude from this that if the X-ray instrument be a dangerous one in the hands of even the skilled operator, how much more so will it be in the hands of the unskilled. And dangerous indeed it has proven in the hands of the Rev. Dr. Gordon.

In endeavoring to throw the X-Rays on Roman-Catholicism, he has, to say the least, badly burnt his fingers and to protect himself in the future from these destructive rays, I am afraid, he will have to hide not merely behind a leaden screen, but behind a reinforced concrete wall. Furthermore Dr. Gordon's X-rays have given an utterly defective diagnosis of Roman Catholicism.

To remedy this, I propose in this and subsequent sermons to throw the X-Rays of Scripture, common sense and history upon the same subject.

When I undertake to deal with Dr. Gordon's slanderous attacks upon the