

favor and liberty. Now, in the translation referred to, in nearly every instance where repentance is pressed in scripture it is made to read "do penance," so that instead of confessing his sin and grieving over it there is the self-satisfaction which a meritorious work produces.

However, defective as the translation is, the young man read the book with the deepest interest; having finished it he began again, and finally having read it through the third time he spoke to his father about it, asking if the book was true, his father assured him that it was. "Then," said he, "Romanism must be wrong for it is quite opposed to the teaching I find here." The father reasoned with his son but could not convince him; the priest was called in but he was no more successful than the father had been, and finally the bishop sought to remove the unhappy impression which had been made.

Was he not to hear the church; did not scripture say so? Yes, but what was the church? Why the church is the priesthood! But he did not so find it. The word church, with the meaning now attached to it, he did not find in the original language in which the scriptures had been written; there it was congregation or assembly, and clearly not limited to the priesthood. Thus every point that was raised sent him anew to the word, only to be more confirmed in his rejection of what he saw to be false, and to be more than ever established in the faith of