

LECTURE III.

"THE POWER OF WOMAN."

On Friday Afternoon, May 7th, 1875, the Rev. Charles Chiniquy delivered his Third Lecture in Shaftesbury Hall to an audience principally composed of women, on the above subject. The Rev. T. W. Jeffrey occupied the chair, and on the platform was Rev. Mr. Cameron, Rev. Canon Baldwin, and the Rev. Mr. Wallace.

The Chairman said: The subject which the Rev. Mr. Chiniquy proposed to speak on this afternoon is one of importance, and it would be well for woman to understand the work she can accomplish. The Church of Rome makes use of the agency of woman. Great honour was conferred on woman. Christ was born of a woman, and when he first rose from the grave, he appeared to a woman. He was sure the Rev. Lecturer would treat this subject to their entire satisfaction. He had much pleasure in introducing to them the Rev. Charles Chiniquy.

The Rev. Mr. Chiniquy, who was warmly received, proceeded and said: My christian sisters and brothers, I hope you do not expect a sermon from me, and I am afraid my English will not enable me to make a speech, I will therefore have a christian conversation about what christian women in Canada will have to do. What the Lord wants from her in the conversion of Roman Catholics because it is the will of God and the design of Jesus Christ that the French Canadians should be brought to the knowledge of the truth. They are covered with a dark cloud; they do not know the religion of Christ. It is an absolute mistake to suppose that they have the Gospel. For twenty-five years I have been a Priest of the Pope, and I do not exaggerate the truth when I state there is no Christianity in the Church of Rome. Roman Catholics speak of a Christ; they preach a Christ; they invoke the name of a Christ; they sing the praises of a Christ; but the Christ whom they worship is not the Christ of the Gospel, it is a sham Christ—the false Christ mentioned by Jesus Christ himself, who was to come and deceive the nations. It seems incredible that in this age of light, in this the 19th century, when there are so many means for the acquirement of information, that there is a whole nation which is worshipping a God and a Christ whom they make with their own hands. The Church working without women is likened to a man using only one hand. The mission of woman has as yet not been understood by the Church. By the examples in the Bible we should learn that in woman there is a