

PROTESTANT CONTROVERSY.

BY A PROTESTANT MINISTER.

Our Saviour reproaches the Pharisees that they compassed sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he was made, made him twofold more...

Even the change from idolatry to the true religion may be so abused, much more, of course, the change from Christianity to Christianity. Whether it be a Catholic deploring what he can...

How is the field to be secured? I do not speak now of China or Hindostan. I shall speak of "foreign parts" by-and-by, but just now I wish to consider the Protestant spirit in and around Boston...

like about their Church, now a calmly implacable Committee of One Hundred, offering, if duly supported, to turn back the hands upon the dial of time...

To be sure, the tone of the American editors themselves is bad enough, malignant and unscrupulous. How loud an outcry they would make, and most justly, over M. Gueroul's letters...

How, then, the reader will ask, can their proselytes be twofold more in this direction. We shall see. Charles C. Starbuck. 12 Macnamah street, North Cambridge, Mass.

seives that we are upright, pure, blameless in all human relations—that we worship in spirit and in truth—that we are constantly making melody in our hearts to the Lord, still, unless we comply with the precept of exterior worship, we are not giving God the full measure of service He demands.

Other things being equal nobody can honestly hold that a Catholic who don't go to church is as good as one who does not. He is living in a state of damnation. His neglect of Mass is not, to be sure, as shameful and hateful in the sight of his neighbors as are willful murder and those other crimes which should not be mentioned among Christians.

Now, it may be perfectly true that a good many people who go to Mass are our own sins to point to the shortcomings of our neighbors. The kettle does not improve its own status by calling the pot black. Two wrongs never made one right. In spiritual matters, it is in temporal matters, it is an excellent thing to mind one's own business.

PURE CHRISTIANITY.

"The purer form of Christianity is what the heathen world most needs, and it can best conquer the human heart and reform the human life."

The fact that some Protestant nations are more progressive from a material point of view, faces us wherever we look. It behooves us to find some way of explaining the lack of this material progress among Catholic nations other than the expedient of taking refuge in the well worn axiom that God's kingdom is not of this world.

A native Maori chieftain, the descendant of cannibal kings, is now completing his medical education in Chicago. He says, when his grandfather was converted; but he tells some stories of it which have a distinctly humorous favor. For instance: It is said that once a chief captured a missionary who was anything but a toothsome morsel, as he was old and thin, and looked as if his flesh would be tough.



It was discovered that he wore a cork leg.

Thrifty people look for low value when buying Soap. Surprise Soap. That gives the highest value in Soap. Surprise is the name of the Soap. You can buy it at any grocers for 5 cents a cake.

INDIAN MISSIONS. ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. BONIFACE MAN. IT HAS BECOME A NECESSITY TO appeal to the generosity of Catholics throughout Canada for the Indian Mission.

Cool the Blood. In all Cases of Itching Burning Humors with the CUTICURA RESOLVENT. Complete Treatment, \$1.25.

Catholic Home Annual for 1900. With Cover Printed in Colors. 64 Full Page and Other Illustrations.

Pain-Killer. A Medicine Chest in Itself. Simple, Safe and Quick Cure for CRAMPS, DIARRHOEA, COUGHS, COLDS, RHEUMATISM, NEURALGIA.

CHURCH FURNITURE. SCHOOL DESKS. THE GLOBE FURNITURE CO. LIMITED. WALKERVILLE, ONTARIO.

CLARKE & SMITH. Undertakers and Embalmers. 113 Dundas Street, Open Night and Day. Telephone 184.

To-day if you hear the voice of the Lord, do not harden your hearts. (Ez. 34, 8.) We should heed the admonition of St. Paul: Put off the old man, that is, old habits of sin and assume the new man, that is, a life of sincerity or truth, according to the divine law of Christ.

Now, my dear friend, are you certain that you can attend to your salvation later? Have you received any special revelation from God to this effect? Certainly not. Now consider if day after day, year after year, in every part of the habitable globe untold numbers of your fellow men die suddenly, how can you be certain that you will not meet with a similar fate?

Supposing, however, that the impatient sinner will have time to repent at his death-bed, will he make us this time and be converted? Alas! Experience teaches us the contrary. Whilst death is gradually approaching, the sinner plans for the future. Every day his condition becomes critical: the physician expresses doubt of the patient's recovery, and his friend reminds him of his dangerous condition and suggests his reconciliation with God. The suggestion is waived as a sign of overstrung anxiety, the very thought makes him feel stronger and in a few days he recovers, besides, to send for the physician would cause a condition continued grow worse, however, and at last the sinner consents to send for the minister of God. The priest arranges the patient in the struggle of death, eyes broken, his mind wavering, fuses or unconscious. The priest all in his power, but he returns with a heavy heart fearing the time of grace has passed for the dying soul. As the unfortunate during his whole life has been of all warnings of his conscience, of all divine inspirations, he has loudly squandered the grace of life is greatly so he feared that no terrible word of God will be vouchsafed to him. Then they shall call upon me, and I will not hear, they shall rise morning, and shall not find me. (Prov. 1, 28.)

There is but one true and death-bed conversion mentioned in Holy Scripture—it is that of the thief on the cross—and the Father of the Church says that even to the latest moment of his life he was in the habit of prayer, and he was sprinkled with the precious blood of our Lord Christ, hanging alike on the cross. Augustine, therefore, justly serves: "If you will be converted now, I can promise you every thing you will be converted on your bed I can promise you nothing. Gregory the Great holds on a vision that penance begun on the hour of death must generally be continued in hell."

THE WILL & BAUMER COY. Bleachers and Refiners of Beeswax, and Manufacturers of CHURCH CANDLES. The Celebrated Parisisma and Altar Brand. And Baumer's Patent Finish Beeswax Candles.

CONCORDIA VINEYARDS. ALTAR WINE A SPECIALTY. Our Altar Wine is extensively used and recommended by the Clergy, and our Claret will compare favorably with the best imported Bordeaux. For prices and information address ERNEST GIRARDOT & CO. SANDWICH, ONT.