

toleration, which, for fifteen centuries, was denied him by the followers of Christ, is it strange that he should look with disfavour upon the religion they profess, and harden his heart against doctrines which come to him mingled with the recollection of persecution and contempt?

But in estimating the blame which attaches to the Christian Church in reference to the Jews, we must not confine ourselves to the persecutions which have been carried on against them, the idolatries of the nominal Church, and the scandalous lives of many of its professors, have necessarily proved a great stumbling-block in the way of Jewish conversion. Those who only know Popery in the modified form, in which it exists in Canada, can have no adequate conception of the impression which its superstitious rites make upon the minds of Jews in countries in which those rites are publicly exhibited. We have only to recall the severe denunciations of the Old Testament against the makers and worshippers of images to perceive that the Jew is bound to look with the utmost abhorrence upon the honour paid to images by some branches of the Christian Church. His eye is everywhere offended with the sight of images; in the streets and highways, outside the churches, and in public processions, the Christian image is treated with every mark of veneration. And if then it be asked, "Is it not strange that the Jews should remain blind to the truth