

subjects, and all who have ever been validly baptized in any form or expression of Christianity." Again, under the head of those affected by the decree, the following are included: "All Catholics baptized as infants but who have fallen away from the Church. These irrespective of age at the time of baptism, or subsequent relapse into heresy, schism or infidelity continue to be bound by the decree as long as they live." We read further, "there will be many of this class amongst us. Baptized children falling into the hands of Protestants, growing up as Protestants, knowing nothing of the law of the Catholic Church which declares their marriage invalid unless celebrated before a duly authorized priest, will be living in concubinage, and not in lawful wedlock." Is not this a monstrous interference with the civil and religious liberty of the individual? All Protestants who happened to receive baptism at the hands of a Catholic, whether a priest, a nurse, or an unduly officious doctor; and who have been married according to the requirements of the civil law and the rites of their own Church, are declared by the Pope to be living in adultery. The Church of Rome "does not allow one baptized to transfer his or her allegiance from one religion to another, or rather from the true religion to so-called religion." And yet Father Dixon says in his "statement" that "the Decree *Ne Temere* does not deal with Protestants, encroaches upon no rights or liberties of theirs, has nothing to do with those who are not Catholics." And what an audacious slur it is to speak of Protestantism as a "so-called religion." No wonder that Bishop Mills in opening the Anglican Synod of Ontario last June said in reference to this decree: "We certainly as a Church and as British subjects, cannot be silent when we are not only assailed by insulting words, but our liberties, and the laws of the land are openly attacked and set aside. The Pope's proclamation that a marriage by a Protestant minister, is no marriage, is grossly insulting and audacious, opposed to morality, opposed alike to the laws of God and of Christian nations."

I cannot refrain from giving you another quotation from this authoritative statement of the Catholic Church: "Many Protestants may think the Church presumptuous in decreeing their marriages valid or invalid accordingly as they have or have not complied with certain conditions. As the Church cannot err, neither can she be presumptuous. She alone is judge of the extent of her power. Any one validly baptized either in the Church or among heretics, becomes thereby a subject of the Roman Catholic Church." You see very clearly that what I