

mise of marriage, if you subsequently discover too great a difference in your social status and hers (p. 525). A Roman Catholic is authorized to betray all your secrets, if it is in the interest of his Church to do so (p. 456); he is not bound to fetch a minister to a dying man—this would be assisting heresy (p. 115); he can cheat you at cards, without scruples of conscience (p. 319); he can slander and defame you without stint, especially if by doing so he serves the cause of his church (pp. 154, 162, 155); and, therefore, it is, that all our great reformers have been thus defamed, nearly always by accusing them of violations of the 7th commandment, a phenomenon easily explainable, as from the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. Read Gury and Rousselot's directions to young priests as to confession, on sins of impurity. Even Paul Bert. dared not translate the whole of their filth. Questions may be put, and in fact must be put to mere children in the confessional, only fit to pollute the mind and ruin the soul.

Can these things be in a Church of Christ? Evidently not. There can be no fellowship between these works of darkness and the law of the immaculate Jesus. Therefore, again we say, the Church of Rome is not a Church of Christ.

We are perfectly well aware that Romanism has many aspects. If like some of our own Protestant ministers, we had confined our reading to Th. A. Kempis, St. Bernard, Fenelon or Bossuet, a much better case might be made for the Church of Rome. But we have also seen something of Suarez and Liguori, Gury and Rousselot, and we have had long experience of the Christianity of the Roman Catholics around us. If power was not wanting, even those Protestants who pat the chained tiger on the back, and call him brother, would soon be made to feel its claws.

This ought to be sufficient to show why every Christian who attaches value to the Gospel, and does not live here only for Mammon and the world, should feel it his duty to give a pure Gospel to those who have it not, to teach morality to those who have too often learned only how to evade its demands, and to pray for the enlightenment of those members of our own Churches, who, through a want of knowledge of Romanism, fear of men, or time-serving, wilfully close their eyes to the fact that we have around us a heathenism even more dangerous than that of ancient Athens or Rome, because, whilst it assumes the colors of the king, it is in open rebellion against Christ and His Word.

There are many Antichrists, and if Rome is not one, we may as well give up Scripture as our rule of faith, and join the majority here, for the sake of peace. But, God be thanked, there will always be seven thousand in Israel who will not bow the knee to Baal, and whose lips will not kiss him.

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