



## A Flag of Truce :

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Must We fight for ever ?

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THE purpose of the subsequent pages which were written by Father T. E. Bridgett, C. SS. R., is expressed by its title. It is not a Treaty of Peace, not a formal discussion of terms of agreement between Protestants and Catholics. It is something preliminary, a white flag of truce waved with the hope of stopping the conflict for a little, for the sake of discussing whether there is any desire or possibility of peace. It is an attempt to show that, if prejudice can be laid aside, there is more agreement than is commonly thought between the opposing forces, and that the fight is often for words rather than for realities.

Protestants do not form a united body, under one organization and government ; their warfare, therefore, against Catholics is of the Guerrilla kind, and my little flag is waved in the hope of attracting the attention of any small band or individual skirmishers, who may parley on their own account, without consulting other combatants. The book is small, because a Flag of Truce is not a Royal Standard. I only want to get a hearing during two or three half hours. I pray the Holy Spirit of Peace to bless those half hours to the removal of bitterness and softening of prejudice.