

There are few parents but wish the temporal and eternal welfare of their offspring; and yet, how often is it the case that, from a mistaken policy or want of proper judgment, the course they take for the attainment of the object they have at heart, is the one diametrically opposed to the accomplishment of their wishes. This has been exemplified in several instances in the course of this narrative. Parents, who had a conscientious dread of the evils of Popery, yet, without seriously reflecting on the step they were taking, have placed their children in the very vortex of the evils they most dreaded. Beware, then, I say again, parents, how you act in regard to the training and culture of those who are dear to you.

But what shall I say to those who are in the morning of life?—whose prospects are bright and glowing with fancied happiness in store for their future years? You have not yet begun to experience the realities of life; but, be assured, those realities will be dark and troublesome, or bright and cheering, according as you commence your career in life's journey. You are surrounded by temptations; and one false step may be productive of incalculable misery in this world, and everlasting woe in another. Store, then, your youthful minds with the truths of God's word; these will guide and direct you in the devious path which you may have to tread; and will prevent you from listening, with a willing ear, to the wily sophistry of those who would endeavour to lead you astray from the path of rectitude and truth, into the way that ends in destruction, misery, and eternal death.

The present age is peculiarly remarkable for the strenuous exertions which the enemies of the pure and unadulterated religion of Jesus Christ are making to bring discredit upon its divine doctrines and precepts. Infidelity (and I consider the Romish superstitions as nearly assimilated to infidelity as any false system can be) is openly and unblushingly advocated in the ears of congregated thousands of our fellow-creatures. There are Jesuits,—not belonging to the Romish system only,—going about the length and breadth of our land, striving to propagate their soul-destroying principles, and imbue the minds of the ignorant and unwary with error, superstition, and unbelief. But what avail? All their puny efforts will be abortive, and will recoil upon their own heads.

Who, that have read the foregoing pages, but must shudder at the harrowing scenes and the dreadful acts therein portrayed?—And these are the consequences of the blind implicit faith in a system repugnant to the genius of Christianity. Roman Catholicism, as it is believed and practised in most of the monasteries and convents, is a system that is fraught with the grossest delusions, and pregnant with the most calamitous results to those who believe in its fallacious doctrines. Many who have held high places in the Catholic church, in past ages, have been tainted with the blackest crimes; and, even in the present day, there are dignitaries in that church, on the continent of Europe, whose lives and conduct are as different from the lives and conduct of the Apostles, as light is from darkness. I would not be uncharitable, and denounce all who are connected with that denomination. There are good men to be found amongst that body; but, taken as a whole, the great majority are designing, base, hypocritical, and treacherous. But it is the system—religion it can scarcely