

Mr. W. F. Goldsmith, who at that time was in charge of the School, not to allow their parents to know said books were in their possession." Not a hint in the whole paper that the facts had been stated to them as I stated them. Would any person suppose that the writers of Paper No. IV. knew what Mr. Gillespie, the Church Association Secretary, heard from my own lips.

I do not desire to bring any accusation against the members of the Church Association: my only object in troubling you is to put the public in possession of the truth. I do not enter into the merits or demerits of the "Path of Holiness;" I simply state that such books are not used in or issued from our Sunday Schools. For their lessons our children, except the infant class and boys' Bible class, use the "Children's Paper" of the Committee of Synod.

I would add further that the words in Paper IV., "Chestnut St. Mission School" alias "The Guild Chapel of the Holy Cross," are misleading, and involve a departure from truth. They are not two names for the same thing, albeit the building once used for one purpose was afterwards bought by the Guild for their purposes.

One word more. Paper No. III. is worded so as to let the readers think that the "Path of Holiness" has the "Hail Mary!" for use with all prayers. This is another instance of careful perversion of the facts. The "Angelic Salutation to B. V. M." does not occur in the "Path of Holiness" otherwise than in St. Luke's Gospel. What occurs is a *meditation* in the form, "The angel said unto Mary, Hail!" &c., which is, whether right or wrong, an altogether

different thing, and is set in the book as a memorial of the incarnation.

And as to the formula, "May the Blessed Virgin, &c., pray for me," I believe it to be a *prayer to God* for the benefit of the intercession of the saints. This, again, be it right or wrong, was allowed by many of the great divines of the English Church in former days, and is parallel to the Prayer Book Collect for Michaelmas, which asks for the guardianship of the angels. Let us not exaggerate other people's views.

The question in my whole letter is not one of good or bad theology, but one of accuracy or inaccuracy of statement; and I should not trouble you had not a false impression been caused where the gravest interests are at stake.

With thanks for the space you have afforded me,

I remain,  
faithfully yours,

OGDEN P. FORD.

Toronto, 28th May, 1874.

P.S.—Pray allow me to add a fragment of a dialogue that took place to-day between one of the two boys mentioned above and myself:—

Q. by me.—"What did Mr. Goldsmith say to you when he gave you the book" (*i. e.*, the Path of Holiness mentioned before.)

A. by boy.—"He did not say anything to me, but gave both books to my brother. I used to pick up the choir books after service."

Does this look like "instructing" the boys "not to allow their parents to know said books were in their possession?" Yet we are told *both* boys were so instructed by Mr. G.

O. P. F.

NOTE FROM MR. GOLDSMITH.

I have read Mr. Ford's letter to the THEOLOGICAL INSTRUCTOR, under date of to-day, and do hereby solemnly af-