

have you to require us to yield to your authority and teaching as to their meaning? What more does the Catholic Church do? No, sirs, if you be Protestants, consistent and true, you must admit that we are but exercising our undoubted privilege, and that no one has any right to condemn us. If you assume authority, and pretend to be safer guides and better instructors than the Bibles which we have, and from which we have learned our doctrines and practices, what are you but ROMANISTS IN DISGUISE? Is not the Bible and the Bible alone sufficient? Or is the authority and teaching of fallible men like you, likewise necessary to teach us the Revelation of God?

We would like to hear the answer of the missionaries to such a remonstrance.

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### THE SECOND COMMANDMENT.

We Catholics are the biggest fools in all creation for taking so much to heart the abuse so often heaped on us from Sectarian pulpits. We know of one who was converted to our holy faith by reading the 'Master, key to Popery;' we know of several who discovered the first trait of resemblance between our church and the Saviour in the fact that all the sects agree only in disparaging us, as all parties among the Jews, Scribes, Pharisees, Saducees, Doctors of the law, agreed only in persecuting Jesus Christ. We therefore, knowing the result, should not for our own sake, desire to see this abuse discontinued; however much we may pray for the conversion of its authors. Take the following instance of the good it does us.

(COMMUNICATED)

In a certain town, not an hundred miles from Lower Sandusky, dwells a very devout, it is sure, a very zealous, Presbyterian Minister, who, in order to increase and edify his congregation, heartily abused the Catholics. Nevertheless, his triumph did not last long. Such declamations and insults may please some narrow minds, and help a bad cause, they excite disgust and indignation in a liberal and Christian heart. Doctor R. who is not a member of any church, having heard the 'holy man' so often accuse the Catholics and denounce them for their ignorance, idolatry and superstition, could not stand it any longer, and he therefore requested the rev preacher to specify and prove any charge against them. The Catholics, said the minister, have expunged from the Bible the Second Commandment, in order to adore images. I have a Catholic Bible and a Protestant one, and they are all the same on that point. Not all, answered the disciple of Calvin. Let us see the two Bibles. They sent for the Bibles, and to the confusion of the Puritan minister, the Second Commandment was read, whole and entire, in the Catholic Bible. But a good fencer don't give

up so easily. This Bible is of a new printing, the old Bible is not the same. I know an aged Catholic lady, replied Dr R, that has an old Catholic Bible; let us send for it and we shall see. Cruel disappointment! The old Bible, printed eighty years ago, contained the Second Commandment as fully as the new Catholic or Protestant one. But your Catholic priests do not teach the children so. Their Catechism does not speak about the Second Commandment. A Catechism is produced. But alas! The Catechism is as hard as the Bible against the proud preacher. It bears in it the divine Commandment and his condemnation. But your Catholics are so ignorant. Who told you that they are ignorant? What is ignorance? I will introduce to you an old Catholic Canadian, who does not read or write, but who knows more than those who could teach him to do both, and you will see if he do not know the Commandments and his prayers. And my old Canadian Frenchman repeated the Commandments as a Doctor of Sorbonne. Do you know your prayers? Oh! yes, said this ignorant Catholic, both in Latin and in French. Is it possible? And how do they know their Decalogue, they don't read the Bible? I will tell you, said the Doctor. The Catholic priests do not waste their time to belie their neighbors. They teach the youth that without which all other knowledge, call it what you please, is useless and sometimes hurtful. Try to do the same, get rid of your own ignorance of the Catholic Bible, the Catholic intelligence, and the Catholic morality. It is a shame to run down their doctrine, when it is found out, in the end, that you do not even know what it is. The Doctor then touched his hat to the preacher and left him to his reflections. The Canadian shrugged his shoulders and felt, sans doute, that the reverend preacher come off 'second best' in the controversy.

A. R.

### FRANCE.

ANGLICAN AND FRENCH EPISCOPACY.—Setting aside the mere formal part of the question so well known under the denomination of 'surplice question,' let us at once strike at the real object of this quarrel. From the very beginning up to this day matters of faith have been placed under the eyes of the bishops of England. From the very beginning up to the present hour hardly a single day has elapsed without some serious attack being made upon the church, or some terrible objection being made to the dogmas of the Establishment. If ever unity, if ever strength, if ever devotedness were necessary, surely the day for such qualifications is now at hand. And yet we view with astonishment the episcopacy constantly waiving the questions on which they are called to decide: one right reverend proposes to wait for better times; a third maintains them all 'in globo;' a fourth vainly endeavors to enforce his