

said to him: God shall strike thee, thou whitened wall." (Acts xxiii. 2, 3.)

When SS. Paul and Barnabas came to Paphos, they found a certain man, a magician, a false prophet, whose name was Bar-jesu, who was with the Proconsul Sergius Paulus, a prudent man. This man, sending for Barnabas and Saul, desired to hear the Word of God. But the magician withstood them, seeking to turn away the proconsul from the faith. Then Paul, filled with the Holy Ghost, looking upon him, said: *O thou full of all guile and of all deceit, son of the devil, enemy of all justice, thou dost not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord. And now behold the hand of the Lord upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a time, and immediately there fell upon him a mist and a darkness, and going about, he sought some one to lead him by the hand.*" (Acts xiii. 6-12.)

St. Polycarp was ordained Bishop of Smyrna by St. John the Apostle. When in Rome, he met Marcion, a heretic, who perverted many Catholics by his false teaching. Being asked by Marcion: "Do you know me?" St. Polycarp answered: "Yes, I know you, the first born of the devil." St. John did not use the expression, "my separated brother," or my brethren differing on religious views of faith.

We doubt whether McMaster ever used expressions so harsh and cutting as those of the Gospel. But if he did, he was justified by the holy cause of truth he was defending, and its divine Author's example, and that of the Apostles and Fathers of the Church. Just as we are writing this, we remember one occasion on which he used the Gospel term for a hypocrite and heretic. One day McMaster was walking up Broadway in New York. He encountered a short, stout man whom he took for a priest. He shook hands with him, and asked him his name. The gentleman said: "I am Bishop McNameara," (the apostate priest.) "Oh! devil, devil," exclaimed McMaster, quickly withdrawing his hand.

We read in Holy Scripture that our dear Saviour made, as it were, a scourge of little cords, and drove out of the Temple all those who were selling and buying oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money, and overthrew the tables of the money-changers, and the chairs of them

that sold doves, saying to them: "My house shall be called the house of prayer; but you have made it a den of thieves." (Matt. xxi. 12, 13; John ii. 15.)

Now, it would be blasphemy to say that our Lord did all this, because He lost His temper and was no gentleman. He gave to all the pastors of His Church, and, I may add, to all Catholic editors, and even to every Catholic layman, an example which they should imitate. If our dear Saviour was so much displeased with those who sold innocent things in the Temple, how greatly must he not be displeased with those who sell, as it were, the foul cuttlefishes and poisonous serpents of heretical doctrine. They must be unmercifully driven by a good whip out of the Temple of God. "But if any man violate the Temple of God, him shall God destroy. For the Temple of God is holy, which you are." (I. Cor. iii. 17.) Every soul that lives in sanctifying grace is the Temple of the Holy Ghost. But the Holy Ghost is the Spirit of Truth, and therefore bears the greatest hatred to false doctrines. To teach false doctrines is to be a great enemy of the Holy Ghost, and of the souls of the just as well as of sinners, of Catholics as well as of non-Catholics. It is to be a gentleman like the devil. Such men are called thieves and robbers by our Lord, and every pastor who is not a hireling, and every Catholic editor, and even every Catholic who loves his religion, will do all he can to keep such thieves and robbers at a respectful distance, and if, for this purpose, a good whipping is necessary, he is obliged to give it, no matter whether some people may say of him that he loses his temper and is no gentleman. We must please God rather than men. The Fathers of the Church call attention to the fact that, when our dear Saviour with a whip drove out of the Temple so many people, not one of the Jews opposed Him; and we may rest assured that none of them said to Him that He lost His temper and was no gentleman. And will any sensible Catholic or honest non-Catholic show himself displeased with McMaster for having used the whip of sharp expression to drive away ravenous wolves from Christ's flock, whom Pius IX. calls "impious wretches," "the enemies of the Church," "the destroyers of religion." McMaster was called to do the