

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

BY A PROTESTANT THEOLOGIAN.

CLXIV.

I think it is safe to say that the great jealousy which unquestionably existed in the leaders of the Church in the twelfth century towards lay reading of the Bible, especially in the vernacular, was chiefly confirmed by the discovery that almost all the sects of Europe, although constant readers of the Bible, used it only to attack, not the Catholic Church only, but historical Christianity in every form.

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The notion, then, that the churchmen of Innocent's time, and before and after, restricted Bible reading for fear the people would find out how far the Catholic system varied from the New Testament, is diametrically opposite to the truth.

Whether the Church was wise, in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, in so severely restricting vernacular Bible reading, is in my view an arguable question. Certain it is, nevertheless, that her policy did not proceed from any misgivings as to Catholicity.

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