

carelessly lest they might lose friendship or some worldly advantage by a change of religion. Those people are not safe in conscience. A friend of mine heard a gentleman say: "I must have some religion. I think I will join Rev. —'s church. It is a fashionable church; and very little is required to be a member of it beyond paying a heavy pew rent."

Q. Do Catholics believe that all who die outside of their communion are lost?

A. Catholics believe that all are not Protestants who are considered so. They believe that all who live and die protesting against the truths revealed by our Lord, which they could have known by using ordinary diligence, and who live disobeying his commandments, are lost. From this category are excluded: 1st. All baptised children who die before they embrace error and are free from other sins. 2nd. All baptised adults, who are in good faith and free from mortal sin, and who believe in the principal doctrines of Christianity, but through no negligence, indifference, or malice, had not sufficient means of knowing the whole truth, which they would have embraced could they have discovered it. These, though apparently attached to some sect, in reality belong to the soul of the true Church; but persons who, through human respect and worldly motives, do not embrace the true Church are not of this number. Many belong merely to the body of the Catholic Church and are counted as members, but who do not belong to its soul. To belong to the soul of the Church one must be, besides being baptised, free from mortal sin, believe implicitly at least all the doctrines of Christ. When occa-