

Rev. H. A. Robertson and family took their departure on Saturday, Dec. 27th en route for the South Seas. The Sabbath was spent in Turo, and from thence the journey was resumed, over land for San Francisco.

Their hardest trial however is yet before them. That trial is not leaving many dear home friends whom they will never meet on earth again, because many leave for other lands; it is not going to spend their lives away from congenial companionship, alone amid a low and degraded race, who are at best but grown up children; it is that on their way back to the islands they must leave three of their four children behind them in Australia to be taught and trained by others, hearing from them at most once in six months, seeing them once in five years when they come to Australia in the Day Spring for a short furlough. How hard for the mother to give up the mother's place and surrender her children at the age of five or six years to others, for it is not safe to keep them on the Islands to a later age as they cannot but learn more or less, the idle, evil habits, that are often found even yet among the children of the natives.

The other missionaries have to do likewise and in this they make their greatest sacrifice for the Master. But how trifling compared with that of Him who gave himself for us.

In our last issue, the robbing of Father Chiniquy in Montreal when preaching in one of the Protestant churches, and the murder of Rev. Nicanor Gomez, a Protestant minister in Mexico, by an infuriated crowd that had been incited to madness by the priest, were given as instances of the unchanged spirit of Rome. The persecution of years gone by, the torture, dungeon, rack, the thumbscrews, the boot, the faggot and stake of the inquisition in Spain, scenes like the massacres of St. Bartholomew in Paris, the

butcheries in the Netherlands are the chosen tools and the methods of Rome where she has the power. It is only because she cannot use them that in many places they are now unemployed. And in countries where she is in the minority she changes her tactics and is one of the loudest advocates of liberty, seeking to obtain more than her just rights in this way where it can not be done by force.

The truth of the above with regard to her unchanged spirit is seen in the utterances of one of the highest dignitaries of Rome, Monsignor Capel, a papal delegate who has been in America the last year or two in the interests of the Church.

At a grand council of the Romish Church held recently in Baltimore, he claimed the right of the Church thus to deal with those of other faiths. He is reported to have said that "just as I have the right to demand the aid of the law and the infliction of pains and penalties on the man who robs me of my goods, or injures me in body, much more, as it is of more importance, have I a right to demand the infliction of severer penalties on him who robs me of my faith, and the very risk of such robbing must be prevented.

There is no mistaking the spirit of such language. But even if the monstrous claim were true it would but bear all the more hardly on Rome for no other Church attempts to rob men of their faith.

Protestantism never robs men of their faith. It shows to all, the way of Salvation through faith in Christ, and beseeches them to be reconciled to God. If they will not, it has nothing for them but pity and prayer.

Romanism it is, that tries to rob men of their faith. It comes where it has the power to those of a different faith, and asks them to cast it away and adopt another. If they refuse she claims the right, and where she has the power, carries out her claim, of torturing, burning, butchering, killing, in the endeavor