

Father Dixon's statement is just as unfair as it would be for me to judge the whole of the priesthood of the Church of Rome by what he has shown himself to be in this controversy. I know them well enough to be able to say that, as a class, they are not "as deficient in learning, in good judgment and the proprieties" as he is.

We ought to feel exceedingly grateful to Father Dixon for his admission that our CATECHISM is quite Orthodox--you will now have full confidence in your Catechism since he approves of it.

It appears that Father Dixon "cannot open his mouth without putting his foot in it." He speaks in his last letter of "the dark ages." In his former epistle he denied that there were any "dark ages." He said that the archives of London, Berlin, Paris and Rome are being searched and the discovery is being made that all the history of those dark days is "a conspiracy against the truth." Much more honest is the Catholic article from which I have already quoted:

"We have no hesitancy in admitting that the Church has seen dark days. There have been in high places clerics of reprehensible conduct. Prelates and rulers of the Church have been guilty of grave offence against the moral law. Sins have abounded in the ecclesiastical state. All this has been chronicled and may be viewed as proof of how far men, forgetting principle and duty, may go away from the path of rectitude."

In closing let me say that I have no quarrel whatever with Catholics as such. As I said in my first sermon, I believe that the Catholic people themselves desire the things that make for peace. I cannot but admire the piety and devotion manifested among them. I am sure that many of them believe that though in forms of worship we do not agree, we are all the children of one Heavenly Father; servants of the same Divine Master, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; that we are being guided by the same Divine Spirit; that we have the same glorious hope of a blessed immortality, through that faith in Christ which is the present and eternal triumph over death; and that at last we shall find ourselves in the everlasting home which Christ has prepared for all them that love Him and wait for His appearing.