

"I must tell you of an event which has excited great interest in this neighbourhood, in which I have been a party concerned. On Sunday last after divine service, my friend O—— and myself walked over to a cabin not far distant from this, to talk with a poor man who is confined by a severe accident. Whilst we were sitting beside him, and reading to him out of a Douay Bible, which we had brought with us, a number of people collected in the room, till by degrees our congregation amounted to about 20. We of course soon began to talk of the errors of Popery, and though some of them were very angry at first, by calm and quiet reasoning we soon got a patient hearing. I had an opportunity of speaking to them for more than half an hour on the one grand subject, viz.: *Salvation by Christ alone*; and whilst I was reading some passages in the Bible to them, the poor people found them so inconsistent with the doctrines of their Church, that they began at last to doubt whether I was really quoting to them the true word of God. You are to observe that scarcely any of them had ever seen a Bible before. We proposed going to the Priest, and getting him to decide whether he acknowledged the book which I held in my hand to be the Holy Scriptures. Most of the people declined coming, and gave as their reason, "*that his Reverence was a devil of a passionate man, and would make a public example of them before all the parish!*" Two, however, agreed to come with us, though really their friends could not have used more dissuatives if they had been rushing to certain death, such was the dread of the Priest's vengeance. By the time we had reached the Priest's house, a few more had joined us, and indeed his Reverence gave us a most unceremonious reception. When I stepped forward very politely and begged of him to say, for the information of those individuals of his flock, who were present, whether he acknowledged the Douay Bible, which I shewed him, to be really the Word of God? He answered with great indignation: "I will have nothing to say to you or your Bibles"—and then shut the door in my face. He afterwards put his head out, and, in a menacing attitude, warned the poor people at their peril, not to hold any communication with us again. You never saw persons more disappointed or struck with shame than our companions were at the Priest's conduct. They went home and told their friends what had occurred; a great sensation has been raised; the poor people are anxious to hear the Word of God read; and are beginning to suspect that we are right and that the Priest is wrong. I am told his Reverence hurled a regular anathema against me, and in consequence I have written him a long letter respecting his conduct—and telling him that I will be ready at any time either in public or private, to discuss our differences; and to let the people judge on which side truth lies. You may be assured I did not venture on this step trusting in my own strength; but with earnest prayer to God that he might cause his Holy Word to be known and practised in this dark country, by means of any sensation which may be excited by this transaction. Indeed the Lord seems to be "making bare his holy arm," and to be pouring on our country an effusion of his heavenly grace; and I trust that the work will go on. It makes a person look into his own heart, and try whether there is an improvement in religious feeling there, proportionate to the Spirit which seems to be moving on the face of our land."

We may naturally suppose that the novel and extensive secession from the Romish Church, (as stated in Lord Farnham's speech,) excited powerful sensations of alarm and jealousy among the Popish Hierarchy and "the Catholic Association."—Mr. O'Connell, a personage well known to our readers as a turbulent and distinguished leader of the latter body of soi-disant patriots, has stated that every convert costs Lord Farnham 40 pounds; and the titular Primate and four suffragan Roman Catholic Bishops made similar statements, declaring that Lord F. offered various "species of bribery to the poor Catholics for the