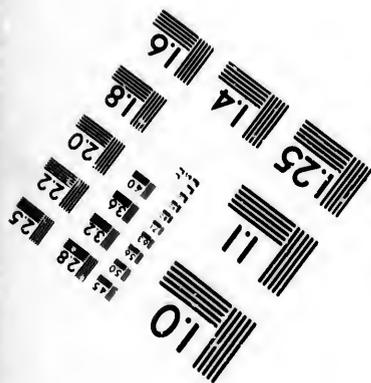
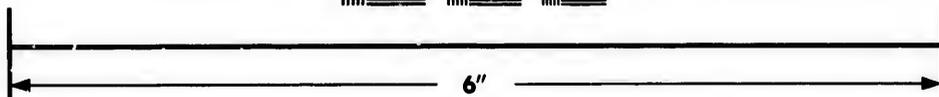
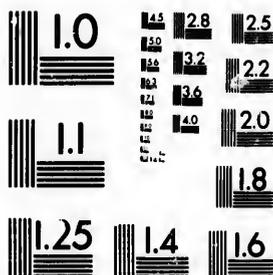


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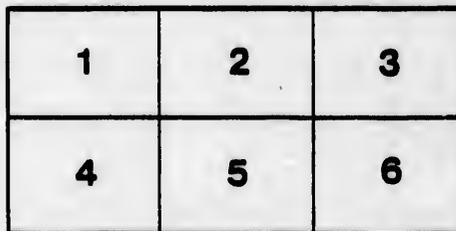
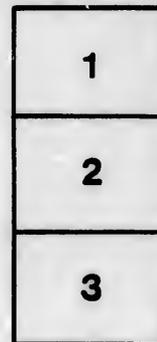
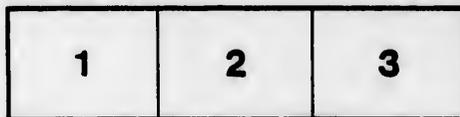
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## PREFACE.

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In this rich age of knowledge and unmolested freedom of thought, Popery is considered as a mere harmless delusion, from which the only sufferers are its own devotees, and therefore some are found who rashly conclude that there is no further need of watchfulness as to the dangers arising therefrom, or exposure of the nature of the system itself. But, although it is quite true that Popery is shorn of its former power and prestige for harm, yet it must be remembered that she still possesses an enormous power for evil, both as regards the everlasting destruction of immortal souls, the disturbance of the peace of nations, and the tranquility of communities, therefore, there still remains the necessity of attention thereto, and an earnest concern for every effort put forth to rescue its adherents from error, superstition, and idolatry, as well as the State from its influence and interference. It is not enough to rejoice and be content with the knowledge of the fact that Popery is on its last legs—in the last stage of consumption,—the miserable death assigned it by the great and unerring Physician of the Bible, and whilst it is satisfactory to know that Victor Emmanuel reigns supreme in Rome, and that a Bible Society is in blooming prosperity in the Eternal City under the eye of the Pope, who has become powerless to prevent its circulation and influence—that nations have awakened at last to suppress its baneful influence on their affairs, and that men of great minds have been raised up in this day to grapple with this system on its merits—Bismarck in Germany, Gladstone in England, and Chiniquy in Canada, men who fully understand it, and their opinions regarding it are worthy of respect; it is still necessary to be vigilant, the serpent is still alive and may yet give trouble. And no where is this more to be dreaded than in Canada, owing to the sharp competition, for Roman Catholic votes, of political parties seeking emolument and power, with whom Popery, ever watchful of current events, makes its own terms and extends support to either party, only

so far as her demands are conceded. But the time may come, yes, we believe has come, when political parties of opposite opinions have seen by experience their mistake in trimming their sails to catch the unreliable support of Rome, instead of honestly legislating for the welfare of the country and according to their respective principles. The time has now arrived when no political party can or should be allowed to hold power for any time who are subject to the demands of any particular creed. And the signs of the times and the tempers of the people will soon show that unholy alliances with Rome, and reckless appointments, to high and important positions, so called "gracious concessions," made with a view to secure a *quid pro quo* will not meet the approbation of the people nor retain any permanent support from Romanists; for when the party cease to give, Rome will cease to support.

That party then is wise, and can only retain power, whose platform is built on equal justice to all, free from the control or interference of any particular creed in transacting the affairs of the nation. Gladstone's testimony is to that effect, and we dare say if Sir John Macdonald spoke he would say the same; and we presume the day is not far distant when the Hon. Alexander McKenzie will add his testimony to the same, and then what bitter remorse of conscience will follow—qualms of conscience which no past considerations can pacify or subdue. To such people we commend the honest and unvarnished story of plain facts which are to be found in Father Chiniquy's Lectures, which are reported in full and published by the subscriber for the benefit of the general public.

SIGMA.

# LECTURE I.

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## "IS THE CHURCH OF ROME A BRANCH OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION ; OR, HEATHENISM IN A MASK."

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On Wednesday Evening the 5th of May, 1875, the Rev. Charles Chiniquy of Montreal, formerly a Priest of the Church of Rome, delivered a Lecture in Shaftsbury Hall on the above subject. The Rev. A. Sanson presided, and introduced the Rev. Lecturer in an able and appropriate address, in the course of which he said:—

Ladies and Gentlemen,—I thank you for the honour you have conferred upon me by placing me in the chair on this interesting and important occasion. It is unnecessary to introduce the Lecturer to your notice, who enjoys a world-wide reputation, and who is already well known to you as formerly a Priest of Rome, but now a Protestant Divine. He has demonstrated the reality of his conversion by his persevering labour and manifold sufferings in the cause of scriptural truth, especially among his own countrymen in this Dominion, and in the United States. We, most of us, by report or from reading, know something of the errors and atrocities of Popery, but our Reverend friend can tell us what it is from his own personal experience. He is a living witness of its character and its doings. We are told, indeed, that it is no longer what it was, but that it is changed. Would to God that it were changed, root and branch! Be it understood, that we have no hard feelings towards Roman Catholics, but we desire above all things their welfare. We have conceded to them an equal share of our civil and political privileges, most gladly would we impart to them the fullest measure of the immunities and blessings of the Gospel of Christ. We should rejoice to behold them invested with the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free. But the Popery of past ages is unchanged, at least for the better. We admit that, like the chameleon, the Church of Rome changes her color with every variation of light and shadow that falls upon her, but we maintain that, like the chameleon, the nature of the animal remains the same. Like the volcano, her fearful elements may slumber for a long season, yet it is the volcano still, and it only needs that the fierce elements work themselves up to combustion, and it will break forth in an overwhelming torrent. The Church of Rome

still pretends that there can be no salvation out of her pale, and that we must believe as she ordains. She still asserts that she is the mother and mistress of all churches, and demands the recognition of a mortal man as the Vicar of Christ on earth. She has never revoked her anathemas, nor repealed her persecuting canons. She still clings to the boasted assumption of infallibility, which after oscillating for ages between the Pope and a Council, has at last settled down in the Pope, and therefore she must retain those exterminating canons. Of all this, as I have said, our Reverend Brother is a living witness. Stimulated by the system he has repudiated, he was a persecutor, and has in turn been persecuted. We now behold in him an illustration in this respect of the marked difference between the spirit of Popery and the spirit of Protestantism. Many, alas! have abandoned the Reformed Faith for the great apostasy of the man of sin. How do we act towards them? We mourn over them, but we do not persecute them. Our Reverend brother, on the contrary, for no other crime than that of following the dictates of his conscience, enlightened by the Word of God, has with difficulty escaped with his life. One might think that the sacrifices which he has made of worldly interest, the labours which he has undergone on behalf of his fellow-countrymen, and the sufferings which he has endured at their hands, would have won their respect, or at least restrained their passions; but no, he has been followed by execration and reproach, and almost hounded from the shores of his native land. I consider that we are much indebted to our Reverend brother for his kindness in coming here to address us on this occasion, as well as to those brethren of the Loyal Orange Order who solicited and secured his presence amongst us, and I anticipate no small advantage to the cause of our common Protestantism in this city from the lectures which are to be delivered by Mr. Chiniquy this and to-morrow evening. Applause.

Rev. Charles Chiniquy then proceeded and said:—Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen; I ask you all, my christian friends, to raise your hearts and minds to God to pray for me just now for I have a difficult question to speak to. "Is the Church of Rome a branch of the Christian Church; or Heathenism under a mask." This is my subject to-night and it is a difficult question for me, because I will have to speak on some delicate points, and I may touch some feelings of my friends of the Church of Rome, I may say painful things which will not be understood by Roman Catholics, for whom I would shed every drop of my blood if I could thereby bring them to Christ; and many protestants also will look upon me as exaggerating, for they do not understand what the Roman Catholic Church is. The Church of Rome's doctrines are false and contrary to Christianity, and the Roman Catholics are deceived by them. The Church of Rome adapts herself so skillfully to the circumstances of the times that protestants are also deceived, but I must tell you the truth. Many are astonished to see that since the time of Luther and Calvin, and Knox, the Reformation has made very little pro-

gress. During the lifetime of these men, we saw Ireland, England, and Scotland, and part of France, Germany, and the Netherlands leaving Romish errors, and attaching themselves to the true Gospel of Christ; but from the time that these giants of old went to their graves, what Catholic nations have been enlightened and brought to the truth? The reason that the conversions were few now was because the Protestants are deceived by the mask with which the Church of Rome so skillfully conceals her errors. But the Church of Rome is still the same; she is still fighting the Christianity of the Gospel and the true Christ himself.

The southern rebels during the American war, when they found that they were not strong enough to fight the soldiers of liberty, frequently changed their clothing for the clothing of the soldiers of the north, and they put off their own colors, pulled down their own flags and put on the colors of the northern men, and raised the flag of liberty. The northerners when they saw them advancing supposed they were friends until they were face to face: then they were surprised and defeated. So it is with the Church of Rome; she has put off her own colors and pulled down her own flags: when she cannot fight under her own colors she comes with the colors of the christian. When you look upon those colors you say that she is the Church of Christ, and when you look upon those amiable priests and hear them dropping their honeyed words with smiles so sweet and so gentle, you like to think they belong to the Christian Church. When you speak to them of liberty, they tell you that they are more liberal than you; when you speak to them of Christ and the bible, they reply: "we love Christ and the bible more than you." You say but we must follow the bible. They answer: "yes, we must follow the bible." You say we must trust in Christ alone; they answer, "yes, we must trust in Christ alone." And when you hear all this sweet honeyed talk, you will say that Chiniquy is an impostor, he so abuses the Bishops and Priests of the Church of Rome! Now, friends, in the presence of my God, I tell you the truth that the Church of Rome is the greatest deception that the world has ever seen. Everything in her is a lie. Everything inside the Church of Rome is the very contrary to what is outside. It is a coffin filled with abominations, filth and worms, but whitewashed without and gilded. I do not tell these things with pleasure, no, no, I would rather tell of such things with tears of blood if I could win my dear Catholic friends to the truth. I have not come here either to flatter the Protestants, or to abuse Roman Catholics, but to tell them the truth. Protestants have made a great mistake in fighting Rome; they have put too much oil and cream in their powder, and so on the battle-field they are powerless. We cannot fight Rome and conquer with those gentle means, we must lay hold of the Sword of the Lord, the truth, the whole truth. The consequence of gentle treatment is that Protestants are worsted in the fight, and Rome comes out victorious. It is true that Rome is losing ground, but Protestants are not to be thanked for it. Infidelity is devouring her vitals. As far as Protestants are concerned

the spiritual power and influence of Rome are stronger to-day than they were a hundred years ago. I come here to tell you how to fight and destroy Rome. Cease putting oil and cream in your powder, but keep your powder dry. Rome must be attacked with the Sword of God. You must fight Rome, not by abusing the Roman Catholics, but by showing the infinite difference that is between them and Christians. Rome is a diabolical system, a grand deception, a public deception. Bishop Lynch, two years ago, published a letter to throw dust in your eyes. He stated in that letter that it was one of the glorious principles of the Church of Rome to allow every one to read and study the two sides of the question and to decide for himself. But that was a grand lie. It was a mask, but I thank God before I leave Toronto I will take the mask away and show you that Bishop Lynch has told a big lie, and here is the proof; on last Sunday Bishop Lynch gave a pastoral letter forbidding Roman Catholics to come and hear me, Chiniquy: and so Bishop Lynch is a witness against himself, that two years ago he, Bishop Lynch, had published a most beautiful lie in order to deceive the Protestants. He knew very well that by coming to hear me they would hear the two sides of the question. The Bishop don't care much about his people going to hear your gentle Protestant ministers, many of them are so milk and watery on Romanism! but he knows I tell you the truth, the two sides of the question, and therefore he forbids Roman Catholics to come to hear me. I have published a little pamphlet which I wish you to get, as it will give you more information than I can present to-night in one lecture. The Church of Rome is a lie. Rome is not a Christian Church. It is a great deception. The Church of Rome is the same persecuting church to-day as ever. She believes to-day that she has the right to kill every Protestant in Canada. I tell you the truth; I know it, for when I was a priest in Montreal I urged my people to stone Protestants and kill them if necessary. I remember in 1846, when Mr. Burns, a Protestant minister, was preaching in Montreal against the Church of Rome I directed the people to stone him till he would be killed, and when afterwards I had learned he was not killed I was sorry and upbraided them for not doing their work better. I told them they did not know how to throw stones. But it was not many years after this that I had reason to wish they had been less expert in stone throwing, for strange to say, in the very spot that Mr. Burns was stoned by my directions, I was myself surrounded by over two thousand Roman Catholics who stoned me, and those who went to kill me were sent by the Priests. O, my friends, the Church of Rome is a great deception. It is old heathenism coming back and taking possession of the world. You have heard that prophecy of Christ, in the 24th chapter of Matthew:—"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders, inso-much that if it were possible they shall deceive the very elect." Now, our dear Saviour says that false Christs will be worshipped at the end

of the world, and he gives it in such a way that no one shall be deceived. The false Christs spoken of here are in our midst. The characteristics of this Christ is three-fold: first, that he will be found in secret chambers; second, that he will be in desert places; third, that he will be sometimes here and sometimes there. These are the marks of the false Christ which Christ himself gives, and he tells you not to go and worship this Christ. Now that is the Christ of Rome. I have been myself a priest of the Church of Rome for twenty five years, and I know it. Let any of you go to-morrow to Bishop Lynch and tell him that you have heard that old apostate Chiniquy, and that you think he is an old fool, and you will say: now my lord will you please to come to your church with me—that big Cathedral, I have preached there and hope to do so again—when you come before the altar you will see a beautiful door: say my lord is there a secret chamber behind this? and he will answer, Yes.

Please tell me who is there. The Bishop will reply: "it is Jesus Christ, the great Saviour of the world, the Son of God who died upon the cross for you."

But you will say: it is only a representation.

The Bishop will answer, No sir, it is the Real Christ, body, soul and divinity! And so the Bishop fulfils the prophecy of the word of God by keeping this false Christ in a secret chamber; and that is the Gospel of Christ that is preached in his church. If Bishop Lynch does not say so to you, I will consent to be lynched to-morrow morning.

Now Christ says, don't go and worship there; and Bishop Lynch says, go and worship there, and thus he sets himself above Christ.

But I must tell you a secret. Will you keep this secret? It is that every Priest and Bishop of the Church of Rome carries Christ about him in his pantaloons and vest pockets. He carries Christ in his pocket when he goes to see Patrick O'Brien, and when the Priest goes to anoint Michael Lynch he carries Christ with him in his pocket!

O, my heart is sad within me when I remember that I have done these things myself a thousand times over. With theaid of my servant girl I have made thousands of these Christs. I would mix some water and flour and give it to my servant girl, and she would then put it down between two hot irons, on one of these was a cross and on the other round small circles. She put the dough between and took care to cut off what remained outside and then handed them to me, I took them and said five Latin words over them, "*Hoc est enim Corpus Meum,*" And I had to believe that they were no more wafers, but my God and my maker! and I had to say to my people, come and adore your God that I have just made for you! And my people came and worshipped that God. And I had to take these Gods, these Jesus Christs, in my pockets in my vest and pantaloons and carry them to sick persons, and say this is your God!

Now what is the difference between Romanism and Heathenism? One worshipped Gods made of gold, silver and brass; the other, Gods

made of flour and water. When the Israelites said to Aaron: go and make us Gods, Aaron went and turned out a golden calf and pronounced it to be that God which had brought them out of the land of Egypt; and the people of God came and worshipped that golden calf. But what is the difference in worshipping a God made of gold and one made of wafer?

Has not God said:—"I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Roman Catholics have a Christ in their church, and they worship that Christ; but this is not the Christ who is in heaven, it is the Christ which is in the secret chamber. I come here as a witness that it is Idolatry. Both idols were made by the hands of sinful men, and those who worshipped them were Idolaters.

Protestants in these days do not seem to understand this, many of them look upon the Church of Rome as part of the Christian Church. But I tell you the truth, they are deceived. Luther understood it well; and Calvin understood it better; but Knox understood it better still, when he said to the Queen of Scotland, "you are an Idolatrous Lady."

The Idolaters of Rome and Greece intended to worship the true God, but erroneously worshipped the God they had made with their own hands; but they did it ignorantly. So the poor Roman Catholics, instead of worshipping the true Christ, worship the Christ made by the Priests.

You have a duty to perform. Think of it at every hour of the day. It is to convert and bring to the feet of Christ the French Canadian people. Protestants, this great and glorious work must be the constant object of your prayers and your sacrifices. Many of you will be met to-morrow by Roman Catholics and they will say to you, is it possible that you believe in that degraded man, Chiniquy. And perhaps many of you will be too much tempted to look down upon Roman Catholics with contempt. But is it because they are not honest, intelligent and just, that they worship a wafer God? No, Roman Catholics mean to be as honest, and intelligent as Protestants, they mean to do right, but they are blind, they are not enlightened. Christ says, "I have chosen you, you have not chosen me." Christ had given the light to Protestants, but Protestants had not given it to my Roman Catholic friends. What is the difference between Chiniquy now and twenty five years ago? Twenty five years ago Chiniquy was blind and could not

see. Twenty five years ago I was tied to the feet of the Pope, and could see only with the eyes of the Pope. There was not a day in the course of my Priesthood, as there is not a day in the life of any Priest, in which there is not a battle between intelligence and the decrees of the Pope. Then I could not understand anything but through the Pope. Anything the Pope said was true; and then instead of seeing with my own eyes, I was bound to see with the eyes of the Pope. The Pope's word was my law; but there was a struggle going on in my mind between the authority of the Pope and my conscience; and the battle ended by the great mercy of God, in my throwing off the authority of the Pope, and receiving the light. The light of the Gospel has made me a free man. And now I feel very anxious for the salvation of my poor Roman Catholic friends. They should have received the light long ago if you had taken more pains to give them the truth; but here they stand around you, blind! and what are you doing to save them, where are the sacrifices you have made in their behalf, where are the reports of your conquests over Rome? I see them not. Christ brought you, Protestants, to this continent, not that you might enrich yourself, but because you have the light. You have the bread of life and the water of life, and Christ wants you to give the bread and the waters of life to my countrymen. Remember the story of the rich man in the Gospel who was sent to hell; all that Christ says about him is that he was rich and had a fine house, and at his door stood a poor man who had nothing to cover his nakedness, who was starving. Protestants of Canada, you are that rich man, and my Roman Catholic friends are at your door starving for this bread of life, and what have you done? nothing.

When I was a Priest of the Church of Rome, one thing which persuaded me that you were not sincere was your want of zeal, for if you were sure that Roman Catholics were lost, would not you come to their rescue? instead of going to the Roman Catholics with a kind respect for, and a half approval of, their idolatry, go and tell them that the Priest who cannot make a grasshopper cannot make a god.

There are many honest men and many respectable ladies who are disgusted with the confessional and the offices of the Priests. These ladies don't want to go to an unmarried Priest and answer such abominable questions as are not fit to be put to a virtuous woman. They are anxious to come out from this disgusting sink of impurity, but they are kept back by a great wall made with your iniquities. They see the drunkenness of many, and your other sins, and your indifference and insincerity about their souls. They see that too many are no more christians than their dogs: that too many are merely so in name and by the accident of their birth: for they love the world and themselves better than they love Christ, or the souls of my dear blinded Roman Catholic friends. If all of you Protestants would give your hearts to Christ to-day, and sincerely say to him, "Come down and dwell in my heart," to-morrow there would be such a bright light in Toronto that

Roman Catholics would be struck by the light, and the battle would be the Lord's, and the victory would belong to Israel.

There is a great work before us. We have to give the Gospel to the French people; but we cannot go and preach to the French people, because we have not the means. Do your duty and come to the rescue. Before long you will hear great news, That the walls of Babylon are fallen, and you will say, "Praise the Lord."

The Reverend Lecturer then sat down and received a cordial vote of thanks, and the audience was dismissed with the benediction.

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## LECTURE II.

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### "PROTESTANT BOYS AND GIRLS IN JESUIT COLLEGES AND NUNNERIES."

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The Rev. J. Gardner Robb, Pastor of Cooke's Church, occupied the Chair. Proceedings were opened with reading a portion of scripture, and prayer, after which the Chairman introduced Mr. Chiniquy in a few brief remarks. He referred to the want of faith of many Protestants in the power of Bible truth to overcome the errors of Romanism. Missions to Jew and Gentile are carried on with great zeal and at considerable expense; but many view direct effort for the conversion of Romanists as almost useless. The history of Protestantism should rebuke this false opinion so dishonoring to the God of the Bible. The gospel which proved victorious in conflict with Jewish prejudice, with the idolatries of the nations, had ere now been triumphant over Rome both Pagan and Papal. It is the same gospel still, founded upon the same truth, supported by the same covenant God, unfolding the same gracious promises and contemplating the same glorious achievements. The lecturer of this evening came among us to rebuke this faithlessness, and in his own person and history to testify that the banner of Christ and His truth must not be lowered before the hostile hosts of Antichrist. The labors of Mr. Chiniquy for the conversion of Romanists had become increasingly successful. If Protestants were but faithful this success had no earthly limits.

The subject of this evening's lecture was one of great importance, namely, the dangers to the faith of the boys and girls, children of Protestant parents, who are sent to Romish Schools. Schools conducted by ecclesiastics of Rome, whose chief and constant aim, whether in connexion with professedly charitable or educational institutions, is the advancement of the interests of their church, and specially by the perversion of Protestants.

Parents in this country and city, at least nominally Protestants, he was told, sent their children to such schools; and he trusted that the Rev. Mr. Chiniquy's lecture would open their eyes and enlighten them as to their duty in this matter.

The Rev. Mr. Chiniquy then proceeded and said :

The subject of my lecture to-night is a solemn one, and I hope you will pray to God to enable me to treat it properly. The sending of Protestant children to Nunneries and Jesuit Schools for education! If there is a monstrous great iniquity it is surely to send children to be taught in these schools of darkness and perdition. It seems incredible that men, calling themselves Protestants, become so completely lost to self-respect and true religion as to place their dear children in the hands of Nuns and Romish teachers. It is just as bad a thing as the heathens did when they sacrificed their children to idols. It is even worse. It is more diabolical. For in the old time the body only was killed, but here, those who place their children in the hands of the Nuns kill the soul. Romanism is only old heathenism coming back with new life, under the name of christianity, to take possession of the world. What is the difference between the Church of Rome and old Heathenism? In the old days they all worshipped the Gods, Jupiter, Venus and Mercury, and those made with gold and stone. But what are the Gods the Roman Catholics worship? In the presence of my God, I challenge Bishop Lynch to deny the thing. As I told you last evening, with the help of my servant girl I have made these Gods during twenty-five years with wafers, and holding these wafers in my hand, I said: "these are my Gods." I don't say hard things against the Roman Catholics. I only say the truth, and the truth must be told. Shame, eternal shame, upon the christian who takes his dear daughter into a house with the Nuns. Five or six hundred years ago christianity was almost unknown in Europe except in a few places. Roman Catholics were taught as they are to-day that the Christ who died upon the cross was an angry God, and was so affected against them that he would shut his face against them, and could only be approached through Mary. What would the sinner say to God? How could he speak to the King who was angry, except through his kind and loving mother? But where in the bible is it said that Christ would not listen to the prayer of the sinner except through Mary? Many a time had I to say, as a Priest of Rome: "we are all a guilty lot but Mary is the Mother of God. Let us go to the feet of Mary and she will obtain from her Son

pardon for us!" and I have taken these people by the hand and said to them: "Jesus Christ will not listen to you, but Mary will obtain from her Son the pardon of your sins!" And as the Pope of Rome does proclaim it, the greater hope of the sinner is through Mary, instead of hoping that Christ was all in all. The poor sinner had nothing to do but to trust in Mary. Then they believed in those days that they could be saved by the fires of purgatory, that a thousand years in that fire would purify them from all sin. That was another act of idolatry. In those days your ancestors had not the bible, and were not allowed to read it. But God looked down upon the nations, and determined to save and bring them back. God raised up Luther in Germany, Calvin in Switzerland, and Knox in Scotland. These giants fought for the Lord against the error of Popery. They held public discussions with the theologians of the Pope and confounded them, and they gained the day. And by these discussions Switzerland, a great part of France and Germany understood that the bible was a great treasure, and that the Pope had committed a great iniquity by taking away that book from the people. The nations took the bible from the hands of Luther and Calvin, and Knox, and they read it, and understood it, and found it to be the bread of life.

Then the Pope came and said to his Bishops, why don't you take away that book from them, and they answered the Pope:—"Now that these nations have read the bible and found it to be such a precious thing that they will not give it up, they say they prefer to die than to give up such a precious treasure." And the Pope said: "let them die and perish." Another law was passed that every one who had a bible must be put to death! The Pope wrote to the Kings and the Emperors and the Queens of Europe. You must go and see whoever has the bible, you must kill, and if you don't do it I will take away your crown. Then cities were cut down, whole Europe was reddened with the blood of martyrs, and the disciples of the gospel were slaughtered by thousands. But in those days there were in Scotland, and Germany, and Switzerland, those who said, "shall we allow these things; let us go and meet the servants of the Pope." And they went and God was with his servants, the bloody sword of the Pope was broken, the enemies of Christ were cut down; and God was on the side of truth, and everywhere the glorious flag of Great Britain floated to the breeze, liberty of conscience was proclaimed as the law of the land. When the Pope and the Bishops saw that they could not continue to kill christians without endangering their own lives they stopped that slaughter.

But now Protestants you are in error when you think that Rome is changed if she don't take your lives. It is still the law to-day or the Church of Rome to kill you. Here is the book (holding it in his hand) which is taught as a text book in all her colleges; and which is used by every priest. I would like to read the latin for my friends of the press who are here, it would be good for the breakfast table of Bishop Lynch

tomorrow morning. It is from the Theology of St. Thomas Aquinas, thus:—

“Quoniam heretici tolerandi non sunt ipso illorum demerito, usque tamen ad secundam correptionem expectandi sunt, ut ad sanam doctrinam redeant ecclesie fidem; qui vero post secundam correptionem in suo errore obstinati permanent, non modo excommunicationis sententia, sed etiam secularibus principibus exterminandi, tradendi sunt.”

Thomas Aquinas' Summa Theologica, Vol. 4, Page 90.

I will now give you the translation.

“Though heretics have no right to be tolerated, they must be patiently waited for till they are by a second admonition invited to come back to the holy faith; but those who, after a second admonition, obstinately remain in their errors must not only be excommunicated, but they must be delivered into the hands of the secular power to be exterminated.”

And I say this in the presence of my God; in the presence of my Roman Catholic hearers, just as I said it a year ago in England: To-day Rome believes and teaches that she has the right, that it is her duty to exterminate the heretics, to kill every one of you! Gladstone, who, till a year ago, seemed to have forgotten these diabolical pretensions of the Church of Rome, has lately opened his eyes, as well as Bismarck, to the awful dangers which are ahead of you from the bloody laws of the Pope, and he has proved those dangers to the English people. — Now, my friends, what I say here, I know it by my own personal experience; last winter I was publicly sentenced to death. A great many Roman Catholics came to kill me. The Church was broken down, and my life was in danger, when the Orangemen of Montreal came to protect me. (Great applause). They said to the Bishop, if Chiniquy is to be killed there are forty thousand Orangemen in Upper Canada who will come and sweep you all clean out. And the next day there was no stones thrown at me. And the Priests went to their well-drilled and obedient murderers and said to them, “you must not kill Chiniquy just now.” It was a dangerous business. I thank God, and I thank the Orangemen also, who saved my life. The Bishop had to stop, not because he had not the heart, but because he had not the power. The heart and the power are two different things.

Then, in reference to their schools, the one great plan carried out by the Church of Rome with regard to getting the education of children under their control, was to put forth as many attractions as possible. To build grand schools, and fit them up with every object of interest. They, by this means, obtained Protestant pupils to educate, and their object is immediately gained, for if they only have control of the children whilst young, they are sure of them when grown up. Roman Catholics have been asked by the Pope to give their money freely to make a grand show, in order that you will take your children to their

houses, and now there is more danger to you than ever, and it is a fact that if God does not make a change before twenty years the Pope will rule the United States, as well as Canada, because there and here their influence are gaining more and more every day by the incredible number of young men and women who go from Protestant families to receive their education in the Jesuit Colleges and Nunneries. It is a fact that out of ten attending Convent Schools seven will become Roman Catholics, and the rest are very bad Protestants, the consequence is that after a short while the Pope will gain power again.

Nunneries are a deception. There is nothing but deception in the Church of Rome. There is no education in the Church of Rome. The "education" in the Church of Rome has a different meaning than amongst Protestants. Education in the Church of Rome does not mean to enlarge the mind nor raise the man. In Protestant institutions they are taught to enlarge the mind as high as they can go. There, the boy is raised up and raised again, and there is no end to his going higher in the regions of intelligence. What a grand sight! what a sublime thing it is to see those Protestants trying to raise themselves high, high, high; that is why Protestant nations are marching ahead of the slaves of the Pope in education. But in the Church of Rome the boys is raised so high as to kiss the Pope's toe and no higher than that. When at the feet of the Pope he must stop! The Pope is the only fountain of light and truth! To go higher in the regions of thought than the Pope; to think different, is eternal damnation! How often I have shed tears when I was a lad in my vain efforts to raise myself, when the President was coming with his scissors and cutting my wings! I could raise no higher. To-day many Roman Catholics are trying to raise themselves, but they are kept down by the Priests, and that is why Roman Catholic nations are going down, down, down, like France is to-day. You seem to think it is only a matter of better arms if France has been defeated by Germany. You are mistaken. If France is fallen so low it is due to the sham and false education given to the people by the Nuns and Jesuits. Go to Ireland and travel through Protestant parts and you may see industry and intelligence, and everything that makes a man a man, and then go to the south and you see the reverse, ignorance and poverty. Why is it so? It is because the people have Protestant education in the North of Ireland, and in the South the people are kept down by the Priests. And now come to Lower Canada and see my poor French people emigrating to the United States to keep the life in themselves, and all this is due to the want of education. I remember one day a fellow pupil said to me, They will only make asses of us here, and I said, It is so. Oh, my friends, the education in the Church of Rome is a great deception, and now you are willing to give your children into the hands of these Nuns and Jesuits!

The grand, the only object of education in the Jesuit Colleges and

Nunneries is to teach that every man, every government must be absolutely submitted to the Pope in spiritual as well as in temporal matters. The young men and girls are trained in the most abject principles of slavery. Every command of the Priest and Bishop must be blindly obeyed by the inferiors. And to show you into what incredible degree of degradation, even the most learned men are fallen, in the Church of Rome, I will read you a very authentic document which I have myself copied from the authors, last year, when in England. It was signed by two Jesuits named Lesueur and Francis Jacquier, who had written a book of great repute. In the preface of the third book "De Principiis" of Newton, they wrote as follows:—

"Newtonis in hoc 3<sup>o</sup> libro telluris moti hypothesis assumit. Auctoris propositiones aliter explicari non poterant nisi eadem quoque facta hypothesisi. Hinc alienam coacti sumus gerera personam. Caterum, latis a pontificibus summis contra telluris motum decretis nos obsequi profitemur."

Which being translated, reads as follows:—

"In this third book, Newton assumes the motion of the earth around the sun. We have been, then, obliged to speak according to that system, in order to explain the views of the author. We have been thus obliged to appear under a character which is not ours. Nevertheless, we entirely submit to the decrees of the supreme pontiffs, who declare that the earth does not move around the sun." This book was printed in the year 1842, and their minds were so degraded that they were not ashamed to declare their slavery before the whole world. What kind of education, he asked, could parents expect their children to receive from men who were so lacking in common sense as to declare in this age that the earth does not move round the sun? From their book, which he had read, it was plain they did believe it; but they denied it—why? Because the Pope told them it was not true, and they did not see with their own eyes, but with his. When he (Mr. Chiniquy) had finished his education in college, after having received many compliments and prizes for his proficiency, the amount of his intelligence might be judged when he said that he believed a letter which his superior received from a priest, asking the prayers of the students for a poor farmer in his parish, whose horses were nightly whipped by the invisible hand of a sorcerer. He was such a giant of intelligence that he swallowed that story (laughter), and this was the education which boys and girls received from the Jesuits and Nuns. The Roman Catholics point to such lights in their Church as Galileo, Copernicus, Pascal, &c. Galileo was a great man indeed; but he was great and wise in spite of the Priests and Pope of Rome, and not by their assistance. He acquired his knowledge at the risk of his life. When he elevated himself higher than the feet of the Pope of his time, he was thrown into a dungeon, until he had to repent and ask pardon for having made his discoveries, and for knowing things that the Pope did not. Bossuet was also a great man; but Veillot said he was a Protestant, and when

the speaker himself had read his writings, he could not but come to the same conclusion, and that he was shamming himself on the Pope and the Church. Bossuet had always spoken against the tenets of the Church, and especially that of the deification of a man. It was the same with Copernicus and Pascal, neither of whom were Roman Catholics. Montalbert, who wrote the life of St. Elizabeth, Queen of Hungary, related that her confessor, when she was only 20 years of age, and a widow, was accustomed to beat her with his own hands, or a stick or whip, after her confession, until her robes were covered with blood. It was the custom of that time to beat young girls; we never read that they beat men (laughter). Boys and girls in the schools were not allowed to think except what their teachers did. What was the secret why the Roman Catholic nations are going down, and why the Protestants nations are constantly rising? All the philosophers of France attributed its miserable condition to the false education its youth received from the Priests and nuns. The same could be said with regard to Italy, and the first thing that nation did when she wished to raise herself and be free, was to take away the education of the people from the hands of the Jesuits, and place it in the hands of honest men.

When you go to see these Nuns they are so sweet and gentle you think it is impossible to find anything better, and they promise you that they will not interfere with your religion; and you come back to your minister and say there is no danger with our religion, and when you go away they laugh at you and call you an ass. They look upon protestantism as a negative and no religion, it is such an easy thing to promise not to interfere with your religion, when you have none! But when they say you have no religion I think they say a great truth, for Protestants, with very few exceptions, who send their children into these places have no more religion than their dogs. When you take your child into the Nuns you know about as much about them as you do about the man in the moon. I don't like to say anything against the Nuns of this city, but I must say the truth. Not long ago a lady, who is still living, and belongs to the noblest families of Italy, was entrapped into a Nunnery in Naples, went to the Bishop and said to him, I have been entrapped into your Nunnery and your Nunnery is nothing better than a house of prostitution! I have to fight battles to keep my honour in these institutions against your Priests, and now I want you to give me my release from my vows. The arch Bishop said, no! you must be kept there! She said if you don't let me out I will break the door; and the next day the policeman came and took her away, and for two years she was kept in prison, and her Brothers went to the Pope and said, if you don't give release to our sister we will raise such a cry as will make you shake, and he had to release her and she wrote a book, which I hold here in my hands, on what she saw in Nunneries, the consequence is that Nunneries are suppressed in Naples, and almost everywhere in Italy. The education given by the Nuns is

of the worst kind. France has told you the same thing. Mexico, a Roman Catholic State, has put down Nunneries. Spain and Italy have put down Nunneries, and if these countries, Roman Catholic countries, have put down these houses, because immoral and dangerous to Society, is it possible that you can shut your eyes to such facts. Can you believe the Nuns in Canada are different. It is their constant aim to destroy your schools that they might gain the upper hand, and reduce you and your children into the most abject slavery. There are many Roman Catholics who cannot be enslaved, I thank God for it, many who are determined to fight for their liberty, and it is your solemn duty to assist them to break off their chains. Now, though I have said so much, it is said with no hard feelings against Roman Catholics; it would be ungrateful in me to do that, for when I was amongst them they treated me kindly, and they loaded me with honours, and those who, in Montreal to-day persecute me, then called a public meeting to give me a gold medal, and the Pope sent me his benediction. Surely I would be worse than a monster if I had ill feelings against them. But now, because I come out from them and say to my Roman Catholic friends, "Come out, brothers," they are down on me and instead of looking to Christ, as I have done, they remain at the bottom of the perishing ship. I pray to God to show them the light, as he has shown it to me, merely because it is only through him that we can have life. Jesus Christ is the Saviour of the Church, as he is the only Saviour of the world. Pray for Roman Catholics and pray for me, for I am going to Montreal and the next thing you may hear is that I am no more; but what a glorious thing for me if I fall for Jesus Christ my Saviour!

Father Chiniquy here resumed his seat amidst prolonged applause, and the Rev. Mr. Jeffrey, in moving a vote of thanks to the lecturer said: I hope that these facts which Father Chiniquy has given us to-night will be taken to heart. Thank God that we live in a day when life is not so cheap as it was at one time. It would be well for Roman Catholics,—the Bishops and Priests, if they would really consider how dangerous it would be to take the life of Chiniquy. Thank God for the Orangemen of Montreal. Praise the Lord that the heart of Ontario is Protestant, with its fifty thousand Orangemen always ready to answer the call of help. In the face of these facts I think there is not much danger in taking the life of Chiniquy; it would be rather a risky business to attempt. (Great applause.)

## LECTURE III.

### "THE POWER OF WOMAN."

On Friday Afternoon, May 7th, 1875, the Rev. Charles Chiniquy delivered his Third Lecture in Shaftesbury Hall to an audience principally composed of women, on the above subject. The Rev. T. W. Jeffrey occupied the chair, and on the platform was Rev. Mr. Cameron, Rev. Canon Baldwin, and the Rev. Mr. Wallace.

The Chairman said: The subject which the Rev. Mr. Chiniquy proposed to speak on this afternoon is one of importance, and it would be well for woman to understand the work she can accomplish. The Church of Rome makes use of the agency of woman. Great honour was conferred on woman. Christ was born of a woman, and when he first rose from the grave, he appeared to a woman. He was sure the Rev. Lecturer would treat this subject to their entire satisfaction. He had much pleasure in introducing to them the Rev. Charles Chiniquy.

The Rev. Mr. Chiniquy, who was warmly received, proceeded and said: My christian sisters and brothers, I hope you do not expect a sermon from me, and I am afraid my English will not enable me to make a speech, I will therefore have a christian conversation about what christian women in Canada will have to do. What the Lord wants from her in the conversion of Roman Catholics because it is the will of God and the design of Jesus Christ that the French Canadians should be brought to the knowledge of the truth. They are covered with a dark cloud; they do not know the religion of Christ. It is an absolute mistake to suppose that they have the Gospel. For twenty-five years I have been a Priest of the Pope, and I do not exaggerate the truth when I state there is no Christianity in the Church of Rome. Roman Catholics speak of a Christ; they preach a Christ; they invoke the name of a Christ; they sing the praises of a Christ; but the Christ whom they worship is not the Christ of the Gospel, it is a sham Christ—the false Christ mentioned by Jesus Christ himself, who was to come and deceive the nations. It seems incredible that in this age of light, in this the 19th century, when there are so many means for the acquirement of information, that there is a whole nation which is worshipping a God and a Christ whom they make with their own hands. The Church working without women is likened to a man using only one hand. The mission of woman has as yet not been understood by the Church. By the examples in the Bible we should learn that in woman there is a

power which is infinitely above that of man. Her arms are not so strong as man's, but there is in her a power above the man, and the devil knows it. When the devil wanted to destroy man he could not do it himself, but he knew there was one greater than himself, and he employed this one. It was Eve that deceived the first man. When woman went to work poor Adam could not withstand it, the power was irresistible, and Adam fell. The history of Samuel tells of the power of woman for evil, as does also the history of David. There is an irresistible power in woman to do evil, and if there is in woman the power to do evil do you think God has not given her another power—a greater power to do good. Yes, a greater power than man. When the woman wants to do evil she can do it much better than man, with more determination and with more success; and when woman puts herself into the hands of the Lord, when she becomes a soldier of Christ, she is sure to gain the day, sure to win the battle. Woman in all ages of the world has been chosen to do the greatest thing. (See 1 Kings, 17th chap.)

It is difficult to say which is the most precious story of the Gospel—it seems blasphemous, but I must confess it to you—there is the 4th chapter of John, to which I am wedded. I like to see my Saviour at the well of Samaria. There, behold the Saviour is wearied and can travel no longer; He is covered with dirt and dust and cannot go any farther. He sits down, but it is not because he is weary that he stops there; but it is to give us a lesson. He comes to show you that he is the sinner's friend. He knew that in that city of Samaria there was a poor, lost, degraded woman; she is so degraded that she cannot find a friend to come to the well, she is forced to come alone. Jesus Christ selects this woman to give you a most miraculous fact of his power in his ministerial life. He reveals himself to this degraded woman, uncovers her sin to her, shows her all her guilt, and then he binds up the wounds and forgives her all her sins. She accepted the precious gift and was saved. Now a gift is a thing which is given to me which I don't deserve. Jesus Christ is the gift of God, and the moment she accepted that gift she was transformed by the mercy of God. And whoever will not accept Christ as a gift cannot be saved. As long as you think you can do something you cannot be saved. As soon as the woman accepted the gift she could not contain herself. She went back to her countrymen with such a power of eloquence that nobody could resist her. She cries, Come and see a man that knows all things: Come, see a man that told me everything, and forgave me my sins. Many said to her, go away with you, we have no business with you, are you not an infamous woman. But she is not to be turned away. The degraded woman of yesterday is to-day a missionary of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Let every one of you consider yourselves bound to help those who are preaching the Gospel. I do not mean that you shall become public speakers.

In the days of the apostles women were constantly with them, to cheer and to strengthen their hands. The time is coming back when

woman shall have her proper place in the church, and receive the baptism of fire to do his work. Let every one of you consider yourselves bound to help those who are preaching the Gospel to those who are still in darkness. There was not a man so blind as I was but my dear Saviour touched my eyes and a marvellous light shone upon me; and like the woman of Samaria I went back to my countrymen and cried to them to come to Christ and accept the great gift. Some came with stones to kill me; but many came to see Jesus and took the gift. A voice is raised in Canada to-day crying aloud, come to our help, we are perishing, and I go to my countrymen, but I am almost alone; but I know it, I am sure I will soon go to my grave. Last year I received two hundred requests from French Canadians in the United States to send them the Gospel, but what can I do? I am now sixty-six years old, and my end is very near. I am at the end of the fight; and my dear Jesus says, I am gone to my Father to prepare a place for you. But my heart is sad when I see my countrymen perishing, going down to perdition. You can help them by your prayers, and by sending them missionaries.

Colleges must be raised in Canada which will prepare young men for work, and put that into their hands to prepare the help which is wanted to spread the gospel of Christ. It will require great effort, but great efforts can be done. Every day I am receiving messengers from my countrymen to send them the gospel. I don't come here to beg, but I must tell you the truth, during my sixteen years ministry I have seen sixteen thousand Roman Catholics coming to Christ, but that is nothing when compared with what can be done. It is hard work to be stoned, the stones came upon me in showers and in the midst they cried kill him, kill him; their eyes were full of blood and I thought every stone would be the last of me, but I was not killed, there was a more powerful hand protecting me and I was saved; and do you think I felt angry, well I must tell you I felt so I could not understand. I heard my Savior whispering in my ear, if the stoned me they will stone you also; and it is said in the Acts of the Apostles that Stephen was stoned to death, and I don't think the stones of that day were any harder than to-day. It is hard work to preach the Gospel, but I must tell you that there is no fear in the heart of the man who preaches the Gospel; but it is hard when we feel that we are a burden to you, and when we turn our faces to you and see that you are cold, and sometimes have not enough to put shoes upon our feet, I would prefer a thousand times to be stoned than that I should be a burden to you. I don't want you to take away your means, but you must do what you can for the missionary. I hope the christian women of Toronto will assist the efforts that are being made to carry the Gospel to French Canadians in the midst of great difficulties.

The Rev. Mr. Chiniquy then resumed his seat amid great applause.

