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Word of God. What is the conclusion? If Five
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it was a crime to read the Word of God; and therefore, the Romanists a year ago were prevented from reading the Word of God. Do not mistake, my brethren: the Romanists in the ancient time, are the natural enemies to reading the Word of God. Why? Because the Romish Church as it is at present cannot succeed with the World of God. It is the Religion of the Pope, and the Pope is the

God. If it were true among the Romanists the Church must fall in a few years. If you ask why the Church of Rome is so opposed to reading the Word of God, the answer is given in the word of Christ himself in the Gospel--He that doeth evil loveth darkness and hateth the light. If the Church of Rome was right before God, she would not prevent the Gospel from being read ; but the

Church of Rome is Antichrist, and is spread in order to destroy the power the Gospel. This is the reason why it is opposed to reading the Word of God, and why in Roman Catholic countries its reading is prohibited.

It is necessary, according to the infallible rule of the Council of Trent, to obtain before hand a written license from a parish priest or from a

father confessor, and without this written license any one who reads the Word of God in the vernacular tongue is deprived of penitential absolution in auricular confession. Now think—a license to read the Word of God! God never said, take such a license; but God says, read the Scriptures. Christ never said, go and search the

—go and search the pastorals and the theology of the Jesuits; but Christ said, go and search the Scriptures. Therefore, if Pope, or Cardinal, or Bishop, or Jesuit, or parish priest, forbids the reading of the Bible on the one hand, and on the other hand Christ commands me to read the Word of God.—I will disobey all the license, in order to

obey Christ. (Great applause.) The fourth rule of the Index Expurgatorius forbids the reading of the Scriptures in the vernacular tongue. It says we have the Scriptures, and understand them according to the interpretation of the Church, which was the unanimous consent of the holy fathers. Among Protestants the Scriptures are the rule of faith because they are

are the only rule of faith because they are the Inspired Word of God. Among all the Romanists they have no rule of faith at all. The traditions are the foundation of the Scriptures, and without tradition the Scriptures are without authority. These are the words of Cardinal Bellarmine. Romanists receive the Scriptures of their holy mother the Church, which need unanimous con-

sent of the holy fathers, and therefore without the consent of the holy fathers there can be no right. Mariolatry, Invocation of the saints, cannot be found in the Scriptures, but Romanists find them in their Scriptures purgatory and transubstantiation, and the Supremacy of the Pope. I was a Romish Catholic priest and a preacher for 25 years, and I shall be ready to become so again if all the

and Father Leo Ready to become a Jesuit in Canada can prove to me that in transubstantiation, purgatory, the supremacy of the Pope, all the holy fathers agree in the interpretation of the Bible. No, my dear brethren, we have some fathers who say yes; but others who say no. The Padre here referred to the interpretation of Augustine in regard to the words in Mathew, "Upon this

rock with I build my Church," and sinned that one half the holy fathers applied the words to Jesus himself, the other half to Peter; and drew the conclusion, that therefore the holy fathers were no rule of faith at all. He then said, the conclusion of this part is, that the Romanists are not free to read the Bible, are not free to interpret the Bible, they cannot read the Bible without a

license; and therefore the Romanists are blind, and blind in all their religious feelings. Take, for example their belief in the miracle of transubstantiation? Romanists say, it is a great mystery, it is also a great miracle. Do you believe in it? Yes! Why? Because it is a miracle. But why is it a miracle? Our Church says it is a miracle. Our wise men teach also that it is a great miracle. M

prayers power, and since it is a gift from God, we may
 dear brethren, is it a miracle at all? The answer
 of enlightened people in reference to miracles is,—
 It is necessary to have some evidence of the mira-
 cles, and therefore it cannot be sanctioned unless it
 be tested by our senses, as the senses are the only
 witness and testimony of a miracle. Do the sense
 tell us anything about transubstantiation? The

to produce a wafer was a wafer before the word of the priest, it is a wafer still. It is not changed. It has the same colour, the same taste, the same smell, the same appearance it had before, and therefore it is only a wafer and not the body of Christ at all. (Here the father illustrated his position in reference to miracles.) I have also a miracle for you. I have the moon in my pocket: yes the moon

[opening his pocket gently to let the audience get a peep at it.] It is a very great miracle. You say it is against the evidence of your senses. You see nothing; but I am persuaded and therefore believe. My incredulous people, I have the moon in my pocket. [Laughter.] This is the miracle of transubstantiation. To believe it is against the evidence of your senses, but you are incredulous.

people. You must believe the priest, because if you don't believe, you have the Inquisition to make you a good believer. This is what I call blindness of the Roman Catholics without the Word God. It is stated in the life of St. Anthony that he presented a water to a mule and that the mule knelt before the water. What is the conclusion? The

man, poor me, can have the same supernatural faith as the Romanists have. I leave the answer to the Jesuits of Canada. This is what I call blindness. The Padre here, related what he termed a fact in reference to two of the thorns of the crown of Christ. He said we have as many thorns of the crown of Christ as would keep a fire for a week in the kitchen of the Pope, my dear brethren. But

the kitchen of the Pope, my dear brother. But on the 20th March last two of these thorns grew very large and drops of fresh blood,—the blood of Christ, is said to have fallen from these thorns. Thank God for such great miracle. Can the thorns of Christ's crown produce fresh blood? Can Christ give fresh blood from his body? No. The body of Christ in glory can lose nothing. From the

If the Romanists are blind in domestic matters they are also blind in social, moral, and civil matters. I will speak now of blindness in a literary and scientific way. In my Italy where the Roman Church prevails, what is the promotion of learning?

people—I mean the industrious classes and the lower classes of the people, which generally spend more in Protestant countries, can read, write, make computations, and are learned in history and other things. In Tuscany, Lombardy, and Piedmont we have twenty in each hundred who can read, and ten in each hundred who can write. In the

Roman States, the part belonging to Lombardy, we have twenty-five in each hundred; at Naples we have one in each hundred who can read, and at Rome, and for thirty and forty miles around the great centre of the Romish priesthood, we have only one in each thousand who can read and write. This is the state of learning among the Romanists and where the Romish church is dominant.

excuse, and said that the general conclusion was that the
 Romish Church desires to spread ignorance and
 darkness among the people, because the more the
 people are ignorant the more the Romish Cathol-
 ical Church is powerful in authority and in spiritu-
 al dominancy. Why? Because they place the Church

for the Word of God. Any way, we need also the Word of God. Our Priests are the living authority of God. The Romanists are taught that instead of God and Christ, they have their Pope, and the Pope needs that Christ should speak again. Our Pope speaks infallibly, and we believe in his words. Protestants know that the infallibility of the Pope is not a Scriptural idea. They know it was invented

in the 6th century by Bellarmine. To be infallible it is necessary to have the Wisdom of God and to have that wisdom it is necessary to have a holy heart and an immaculate soul. The Padre here referred to a list of Popes, who had been murderers, drunkards, assassins and robbers, as

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