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BAPTISMAL HYMN.

TUNE—"From Greenland's Icy Mountains."

Around thy grave, Lord Jesus,
Thine empty grave we stand;
With hearts all full of praises,
To keep thy bless'd command.
By faith our souls rejoicing,
To trace thy path of love,
Through death's dark angry billows,
Up to thy throne above.

Lord Jesus, we remember
The travail of thy soul,
When in thy love's deep pity,
The waves did o'er thee roll.
Baptiz'd in death's cold waters,
For us thy blood was shed;
For us the Lord of Glory
Was number'd with the dead.

O Lord, thou now art risen,
Thy travail all is o'er;
For sin thou once hast suffer'd,
Thou liv'st to die no more—
Sin, death, and hell are vanquish'd
By thee, thy church's head;
And lo! we share thy triumph,
Thou First Born from the dead,

Into thy grave baptized
We own with thee we died,
With thee our life is risen,
And in thee glorified;
From sin, the world, and satan,
We're ransom'd by thy blood;
And now would walk as strangers,
Alive with thee to God.

EXTRACTS FROM GAVAZZI'S SPEECH IN ST. LAWRENCE HALL, TORONTO.

To protest against Rome and her errors was perhaps a good thing in the 16th century; but to-day it is a far different thing. My mission is not to protest—it is to destroy—to destroy. It is not protestantism at all, my dear brethren—it is destruction—the destruction of the pope and popery. My mission is to destroy, to annihilate, in my Italy, the pope and popery; therefore, don't call me a protestant, for I am no protestant, but call me Destructeur, for this is my name. Now that I have explained all, in the hope that I will be believed, even though I am without a protestant name, I go for my subject. What is my subject? What is my subject? The popish system is blindness. It is a very large and important subject. First, the popish system is blindness, because they have not a free lecture and free discussion on the bible. I cannot lose my time to prove to you that without the Word of God—without the bible—the people are blind. It is declared to be a light to our feet and a lamp to our path; therefore, without the Word of God, we are all in darkness. This is the case of the Romanists.—They have no Word of God; and therefore, generally speaking, the Romanists are blind. I was answered by one of the Romish Catholic Hierarchy in England, Cardinal Wiseman, and by another member of Cardinalship in the United States, the Bishop of New York, that it is not true to say that the Church of Rome prevents their people from reading the bible; and, therefore, the positive conclusion is, that the Romanist can read at pleasure, and comment and interpret at pleasure, the Word of God. Pope Innocent the third wrote a Bull against the first translator of the bible into the vernacular tongue; and he commanded the holy Inquisitor to burn all the bibles found among the Waldenses. The Council of Bologna forbade the reading of the bible, especially the New Testament, and especially the Gospels. The Council of Trent forbade the reading of the bible in any vernacular tongue. We have five popish dogmas against reading the bible—bulls, councils, and general rules. Jesuits, can you deny these five dogmas? No, no. (Great applause.)—Therefore, popes forbid the reading of the bible among the Romanists. Some Romanists say, go and search

our booksellers' stores, and you will find the bible there, also the Douay bible. But if the Roman Catholic booksellers have the bible on their shelves, do they sell many of them? Do Roman Catholics preach from their pulpits to their flocks—read the bible? Do father confessors advise their penitents to read the bible? No, no, my dear brethren. They tell them to pray on the rosary, but never to read the bible. Therefore, it is a delusion to say that Romanists are allowed to read the bible. Do not go to a Protestant country; but go to a country where the Roman Catholic Church is dominant, and you will see its feeling.—Come to Italy, and you will find that to have a bible is a crime; to discuss on the bible is a crime. See, in the persons of the Madiai, that to read the bible is punished with cruel imprisonment. But in protestant countries, in order to have a just excuse, the Romanists profess that their people are not prevented from reading the Word of God, and they have in their bookstores the Douay bible. But they never read the Douay bible. This is only a custom among Romanists, to deceive the protestants. It is not only a Canon Law, that the Romanists are not obliged to keep faith with heretics, and they can rightfully deceive heretics; but it is also considered just and right to conceal the truth, in order to glorify God. It is therefore the moral theology of the Romanists to deceive. Father Newman was many years a Protestant minister when it was proved that he was a Papist, but he remained a Protestant in order to prepare many Protestants to become his followers. He looked as a Protestant; but this is the moral theology of the Romish Catholic priest. When I was in Scotland five months ago, a Romish Catholic priest, in order to persuade his flock against my lectures, said that Pius IX granted to us to read at our pleasure the Word of God. What is the conclusion? If Pius IX at present grants this license, previous to that 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, as in the present 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 Word of God. If the bible was free 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 words 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 of 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 bulls of the Popes and the Canons of the Councils—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 licenses, in order to obey Christ. (Great applause.) The fourth rule of the Index Expurgatorius forbids the read-

ing 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 only rule of faith because they are the Inspired Word of God. Among all Romanists they have no rule of faith at all. The traditions are the foundations of the Scriptures, and without tradition the Scriptures are without authority. These are the words of Cardinal Bellarmine. The Romanists receive the Scriptures in the sense of their holy mother the Church, which need the unanimous 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; and they find in their Scriptures purgatory and transubstantiation, and the supremacy of the Pope. I was a Roman Catholic priest and a preacher for 25 years, and I shall be ready to become so again if all the Jesuits 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 Matthew, "Upon this rock will I build my Church," and stated 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 priests preach also that it is a great miracle. My 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 miracles, 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 senses tell us anything about transubstantiation? The wafer was a wafer before the word of the priest, it is a wafer still. It is not changed. It has the same color, 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 holy Inquisition to make you a good believer. This is what I call the blindness of the Roman Catholics without the Word of God. It is stated, in the life of St. Anthony, that he presented a wafer to a mule, and that the mule kneeled before the wafer, and worshipped Christ before the wafer. What is the conclusion? The poor mule can have the same supernatural faith as 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 on the 25th 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 a great miracle. Can the thorns of Christ's crown produce fresh blood? No. Can Christ give fresh blood from his body? No. The body of Christ in glory can lose nothing. From the body of Christ in Heaven we cannot draw fresh blood at all. Therefore this blood is one of the greatest impostures of the Romanists. 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 Romish Church prevails, what is the proportion of learned people—I mean the industrial classes and the lower classes of the people, which generally speaking in protestant countries can read, write, make computations, and are learned in history and other things. In Tuscany, Lombardy and Piedmont, we have 20 in each hundred who can read, 10 in each hundred who can write, in the Roman states the part belonging to Lombardy we have 25 in each hundred; at Naples we have one in each hundred who can read, and at Rome and for thirty or 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 learning among the Romanists and where the Roman Church is dominant. The Padre gave some other illustrations on this point, and said that the general conclusion was that the Romish Church desire to spread ignorance and darkness among the people, because the more the people are ignorant the more the Roman Catholic Church is powerful in authority and in spiritual dominancy. Why? Because they place the Church for the Word of God. They say we need not 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 they don't need that Christ should speak again. Our Pope speaks infallibly and we believe in his word. Protestants know that the infallibility of the Pope is not a scriptural idea. They know it was invented in the 16th 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 a proof of the kind of infallibility which the Popes possessed; he passed a high eulogium upon 6000 Roman Ladies who, without reward, attended the hospitals to render their assistance to the wounded and the dying of their brethren in the last revolution there, and these 6000 women, belonging to all classes of Italian society, from the highest Roman Lady to the poorest, but most austere, most moral classes; these Angels of God, so sweet, so charitable, so good, assisting their dying christian brethren, these 6000 angels, were by the infallible Pope Pius IX., in an encyclical letter, termed 6000 prostitutes [shame]! Go priest of Rome—go Romanists—go Jesuits—to call any such stupid being an infallible Pope. I will conclude this part of my lecture with what may amuse my audience. You know the Popes are infallible because they are holy. The Queen of England is styled Her Majesty. In like manner the Pope is styled His Holiness, because he is holiness personified. In Rome the palace of the Pope is called the most holy palace, the garden of the Pope is called the most holy garden, the stables are called the most holy stables, the horses in the stables are called the most holy horses. If you meet 20

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