

kind of girl, who seemed lost in astonishment at all I told her about religion. She, too, attended church, family prayers, and meetings, and was seemingly most devoted to the reading of the Bible. But after a time I discovered her to be an arrant hypocrite and a systematic thief. She disappeared one day and a considerable amount of jewellery and other things disappeared with her. Why, you may ask, do I write all this to you? Well, I feel in the depths of my soul a longing to do something in reparation for all my past misplaced zeal. I am convinced that the Roman Church is the one true Church of Christ, and I wish to appeal to you, whom I believe to be a well-meaning Christian man, working for a wrong and very bad cause. I wish to ask you to follow my example.

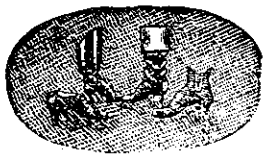
Read up the Other Side.

Get the life of Mrs. Ainsworth and study it. Get those other books I mention. See the startling contrast between the converts to Rome and the converts to our religion. The former are influenced alone by the love of truth, ready to suffer the loss of love and friendship and worldly possessions, men and women of saintly character and righteous lives, whose only motive is love for their Maker and the desire of possessing God in heaven. Whereas those who come to us are led by greed, by hunger, poverty or the hope of bettering

their worldly prospects. With these facts, which cannot be denied, before you, how can you hesitate to acknowledge on which side lies the truth? I do not intend to sign my name to this, as I am not yet a member of the Roman Church and I do not wish my friends to know my intention as it would only mean a lot of opposition and unnecessary delay. As I have sufficient independent means, which my friends, however angry, cannot take from me, I shall just slip over quietly to London, put myself under instruction, and when deemed ready make my submission and get formally received. I have never yet spoken to a Roman Catholic priest. It is God alone that has led me thus far. May His name be blessed and His mercy ever praised. Do not imagine that this change in my religious belief has cost me nothing. It rends my heart with pain and sorrow. It means the severing of lifelong friendships and the breaking of family ties; but I hear the voice of the Saviour calling, and what can I answer except 'Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth'? I can only follow in the footsteps of all those heroic souls, whose lives I have been reading, who have had to suffer as I am suffering now, but who in the end found in the Church of Rome a harbor of rest and peace.—I remain, yours sincerely,

A SOUL LED TO THE TRUTH BY GOD.

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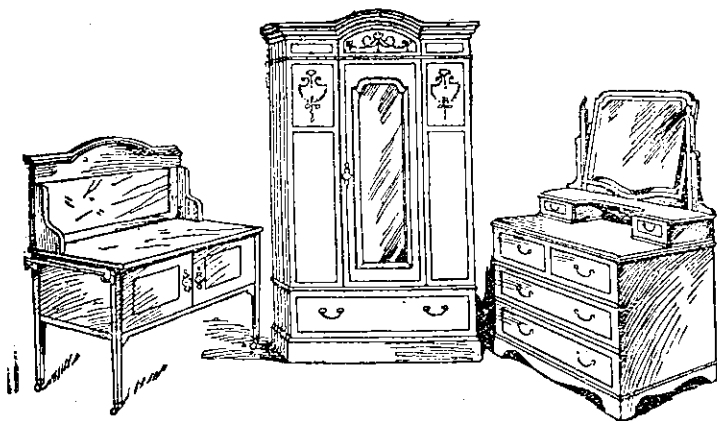


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