

interested in the Bible. In fact, in countries where they do not have a strong protestant group or movement, they are almost ~~permitted~~ prevented to read the Bible. Of course, they are told, you are welcome to read it, it is fine to read it, but you should read it in the Vulgate, which is the true Bible. And most of them don't know Latin. And any translation in the vernacular, they are liable to be told, well, that is a poor translation. But, on the other hand, the Roman Catholic Church has developed a system in which it has scholars who are equipped to discuss any point you want to raise. ¶

I was talking with the pastor of the Scotch church in Rome. And he said to me, every now and then I have a visit from a man who is a student in the Roman Catholic school, here, working for a doctor's degree, who discusses some minute point of protestant theology and has certain books he ~~wants~~ wants to find and he thinks they might be in our library. And he comes and ~~ask~~ asks if he can see them, and I have a discussion with him. And he said, I find that this man knows more ~~about~~ this particular point of protestant theology than any protestant I have ever met. He said, he is familiar with all the most obscure writers, he knows everything ~~that~~ that is said and studied on this particular point. He ~~said~~ said, of course in the end he just comes out with the Roman Catholic position. But on the way to it he has read and studied everything there is on this particular minute point. And they have men equipped to handle every ~~ix~~ minute point in theology. And of criticism. And they have scholars who are doing excellent work in archaeology, excellent work in textual criticism, excellent work in study of the Greek manuscripts and the Hebrew manuscripts. They have some very fine scholars. But the knowledge is restricted to the scholars. It is not much used by the rank and file of the clergy and absolutely unknown to the layman.

I was talking to a professor of the University of Penna., a few years ago, about the matter of the Apocrypha, because he was mentioning the very gross historical and geographical misinformation contained in these Apocryphal books. Which the Roman Catholics consider part of the O.T. Misinformation such as we never find in the actual ~~books~~ books of the O.T. And I said to this man, a great scholar, himself a liberal in his viewpoint, episcopalian clergyman, and