

THE CATECHISM IN EXAMPLES. By *Rev. D. Chisholm*, priest of the Diocese of Aberdeen. Second edition. In five volumes. Vol. I. Faith: The Creed. Vol. II. Hope: Prayer. 12mo., pp. 438. Benziger Brothers, New York.

This book will be universally commended. Without one dissenting voice, all will agree that suitable stories to illustrate the catechism, are very important and most desirable. It is not easy to find them. The author succeeded.

The unprecedented success which attended the publication of the First Edition of "The Catechism in Examples," and the demand which is now being constantly made for the book, has induced the author to undertake the publication of an entirely new edition, in which, while adhering to the original plan, he has not only thoroughly revised, but also considerably developed, the contents of the work.

The book in its first form found its way literally into every part of the world, and demands for a re-issue have recently reached the author from almost every country in the continent of Europe, as well as from America, Australia, Africa, North and South; Ireland especially has been most zealous in its propagation in the past, and in present demands for its re-appearance.

St. Gregory the Great tells us that more men are drawn towards heaven by the force of example than by the effects of argument. If this be true in reference to mankind in general, it is especially so with regard to the child. The child is formed on example. The

truths of faith learned in catechism are for the most part unintelligible to him. He requires to have them sketched out as in a picture before he can take in their meaning. Children delight in stories, and they are not slow to catch the moral sense these are intended to convey. If these stories are life-like, and within the reach of their own practice, they try to imitate what is told in them. Long experience and the example of great and holy men, who have in this, as in other things, followed the example of Our Blessed Lord Himself, have convinced the author of this book of the necessity of bringing out in bold relief, by means of examples, the truths contained in catechism.

It was this that induced him to undertake this work. Each example has been carefully chosen to bring home to the mind of the child some one of the great truths of our holy Faith, and fix it there.

This new edition consists of five volumes, corresponding to the five parts of the catechism; each volume containing about four hundred examples, interspersed with moral reflections, so that each part of the catechism is gradually set before the mind of the child in such a way as to captivate his attention in a practical and pleasing manner, and enable him to understand more easily and more clearly the explanations given by his pastor and parents.