

Belvidere, in his inquisitorial reports, laments that "these heretics have been found at all periods of history in the valley of Angrogna." And what were the doctrines of the church against which these confessedly ancient Christians protested? Purgatory, images, the invocation of saints, the sacrifice of the mass, transubstantiation, the authority and decrees of the Bishop of Rome.

"Where was your religion before Luther?" is the demand. Where? In the writings and experience of those nonconformists of whom, in the year 1153, Bernard of Clairvaux spoke, who he says were then disturbing the Latin Church. Where was our religion before Luther? We point our inquirers to the valleys of Piedmont, and ask them to contemplate it in the purity of life, and in the patient endurance of suffering for Christ, which were manifested by their noble inhabitants. Listen, and our religion will become vocal in the groans of the hundreds and the thousands of that noble race who were slaughtered for the testimony of Jesus. Where was our religion before Luther? Go to Oxford and follow the pen of Wickliffe in his remonstrances against the encroachments of Rome, in his scriptural expositions of truth, and in his translating the Scriptures into the Vulgar tongue. Here, in the writings of the "Gospel Doctor," as he was derisively called, you see something of the Protestant religion, and yet he lived one hundred and sixty-two years before Luther! Where was our religion? In the writings and opinions of St. Anselm who taught his people to die "trusting only in the merit of Jesus Christ." Where was our religion before