

believing that its true source is not faith and charity, but the very contrary of these, lukewarmness and tacit infidelity. Toleration of error on the part of the Church would render useless God's revelation of truth, would make God the abettor of error, would either destroy the Church as a Society of believers, or contract the divine order which establishes it as the way of Salvation.

What then are the means of conquering the world of unbelief? What the weapons to be used? What the mode of contending for the faith?

The Church as such uses only spiritual weapons—the earnestness of entreaty, the force of prayer, the terrors of conscience, the powers of the Gospel.

There is a weapon, ready to the hand of every faithful soul, to attack the stronghold of Satan and help conquer the world for Christ. It is the weapon of Love.

There is a power with which every believer is endowed, the power of EXAMPLE, most potent to draw others to the feet of the Saviour. Let us members of the Church of Christ, let the light of our love, our faith, our holy lives shine before the world, and our witness will not be in vain. Let us be zealous for our Master, but let our zeal be shown in our obedience to His word and will.

#### *KNEELING AT PRAYER.*

It has not only plain Scriptural authority, but may be said to have its origin in the natural feeling of a reverent heart. When one approaches "the Majesty of the Great King" reason tells us that our

position should be a humble one, that as suppliants we may be heard and answered. "O come let us worship," says the Psalmist, "and fall down and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is the Lord our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand." At the dedication of the Temple Solomon "kneeled down upon his knees before all the congregation of Israel." At the re-building Ezra "fell upon his knees." "Daniel kneeled upon his knees three times a day." Our blessed Lord Himself in His agony "kneeled down and prayed." The first Martyr St. Stephen, St. Peter and St. Paul also knelt in prayer. In harmony with these examples, we find kneeling to have been, in early Christian times "the most common and ordinary posture of devotion."

The eighteenth Canon of A.D. 1604 directs all to "reverently kneel upon their knees when the general confession, litany and other prayers are read, \* \* \* testifying by these outward ceremonies and gestures their inward humility."

#### *EPIPHANY.*

The Eastern Church of old commemorated our Lord's Nativity and that of his Baptism, by the self same celebration on the Feast of the Epiphany, as representing the first or natural birth of our Lord, and that which is figurative of our own second birth, our Lord's Baptism in the river Jordan.

A very early tradition has connected this Festival with the commemoration of our Lord's Baptism. Hence this Feast was also called the Day of Light, and in the