

Christianity, *which I know you can not*, your commission has long ago been cancelled in the court of Heaven, because your Church has violated the conditions upon which that commission was received. The authority as conferred upon the Apostles we find recorded in St. Matthew's Gospel, xxviii. 19, 20, and reads thus: "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to *observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you*: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Now, I am very free to acknowledge that when our blessed Lord gave his Apostles authority to preach and to baptize, he promised to be with them unto the end of the world, and as he knew those holy men would not live unto the end of time, the promise therefore must have reference to their office, and not to themselves personally. To be with them unto the end of the world was Christ's part of the contract. But did he make it without any condition whatsoever, to be performed on their part? You know, Rt. Rev. Sir, that he did not, for their part of the contract reads thus: "*Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you*;" and I am now prepared to prove that the Church of Rome has failed in these conditions, *even had she first received* the commission directly from Him who had all power in heaven and in earth.

Now, Rt. Rev. Sir, will you attempt to affirm that the Church of Rome, in 1868, teaches the same doctrines that Christ taught in A. D. 33, or that his commissioned Apostles taught after his ascension into heaven? And if I can clearly

prove, by undisputed testimony, that in 1868 your Church teaches directly the opposite of that faith taught by Christ's authority in A. D. 37, you cannot possibly evade the conclusion that your commission is forfeited, and yourselves "accursed," as St. Paul plainly tells you in Gal. i. 8: "But though *we*, or an *angel from heaven*, preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, *let him be accursed*;" and if you are *accursed* for preaching a different gospel from that one which Christ preached, I cannot put much value upon your authority, even had you derived your orders in unbroken succession from the Apostles.

Rt. Rev. Sir, are you prepared, in the face of the whole learned world, to say that you and your priests *teach and observe* what Christ has commanded you? You teach the people committed to your charge the Pope's supremacy and his infallibility, but when or where did ever God tell you to teach that? This, Rt. Rev. Sir, is a most important question, because you yourselves acknowledge that your Church is built upon it. But where is this to be found? Allow me to answer the question for you: It is to be found nowhere in the whole volume of inspiration! You teach the people to adore the blessed Virgin Mary, whom you impiously style "the mother of God!" Where has Christ told you to thus honor his mother? and where in the Holy Scriptures is she ever called by that blasphemous title? You teach your people to bow down before crosses, pictures, and images. Where has Christ told you to teach that form of idolatry? Your Church has expunged the second commandment out of the sacred decalogue! How came you to do that, Rt. Rev. Sir? I suppose your object was lest your people might detect you in your idolatrous transgression it! Where is your authority