

I ask them, would they not take the same stand as we have done? Most certainly they would if necessary. But in their case it would not be necessary as they have a much more summary process of putting a stop to anything of that kind; which unfortunately does not seem to exist in the Church of England.

We therefore ask our R. C. friends to give us the same fair play they would claim for themselves under similar circumstances.

“ Religion is the mind's complexion,  
Governed by birth, not self election,  
And most of us do now adore  
Just as our fathers did before.

“ Why should we then ourselves exalt  
For what we casually inherit,  
Or view in others as a fault  
What in ourselves we deem a merit ? ”

Thus the creed which all profess arises as a rule from the mere accident of birth, and we generally desire to worship as our fathers did, and this is really the head and front of our offending, and that we will not accept from a self-constituted Priesthood, doctrine which our fathers did not believe, which we were never taught to believe, and which we don't want to believe.

The Battle which we have to fight is unfortunately with the Clergy and Bishops of the Church of England, the church of our fathers, from which we have been driven out, as it were, simply because she has departed from the Faith and gone after another Gospel.

And we are perfectly justified in doing as we have done and leaving a body of whose religious principles we disapprove. “ Come ye out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and I will receive you.” Again St. Paul tells Timothy that he “ should not be a partaker of other men's sins,” and is not a man a partaker of other men's offenses against Christ who sets them forward in propagating their errors by his union with them; and does not he who consorts in every way with teachers of error and gives his substance to sustain their churches, sends delegates to their Synods, helps to pay the expenses of such assemblies, pays to sustain Ritualistic Bishops, Priest, &c., is he not a partaker of the guilt of such doings, and necessarily offensive to the Almighty and injurious to his fellow man ?

There is a class of Churchmen who almost believe the Church of England to be infallible, or next door to it; but did not God's chosen people, the children of Israel, fall from the faith ?

In 2nd Kings, 17 chap., 15 verse, we find : “ And they rejected his statutes and his covenant, that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed vanity and became vain, and went after the heathen that were round about them, concerning whom the Lord had charged them, that they should not do like them.”