

PREFACE.

The author of this brief work has repeatedly felt the need of presenting to our growing generation a succinct account of the varied changes through which the Christian Church has passed.

He believes the mind grasps such a subject all the more readily if accompanied by historical charts such as he has personally prepared; by these and by divers signs the events impress themselves more deeply in the memory of the reader, and a more easy demonstration is given of the great changes and errors which have crept in the Church.

The Roman Catholic Historian. Because of the plea of immutability in the Romish Church, her historians, at the outset, must change the twelve apostles to twelve bishops, and the seventy disciples into as many priests, and divide Christendom in twelve dioceses and these into seventy parishes, and place the bishopric of St. Peter at Rome—all this to harmonize their histories to the claims of the spiritual and temporal power of the Church of Rome, vested in St. Peter and his successors.

The Protestant Historian. The teachings of the Gospels, which are the basis and the rule of faith in the Christian Church, show forth the twelve apostles and the seventy disciples, as bishops and pastors, commissioned to preach the Good News throughout the world and to all the human race; these disciples of the Lord were to be considered as brothers in love and of equal rank.