

he said; "bide your time, test further, probe deeper, make very sure, pray yet again for light and grace. Holy Church does not need you, nor even any whole nation or race, but all men *need her*, and when you are *quite certain* that nothing more remains to be said, and your faith and humility of heart are become as pure and child-like as possible, she will lovingly clasp you to her maternal bosom."

I waited, and prayed, and studied, finding new harmonies, new treasures, every day, and eventually had the great happiness of entering safely the One True Fold. It may be contended that some of the discrepancies I noticed between Anglican teaching and practice are small matters. Perhaps so, but others of them are of supreme importance, and still others I have since discovered, beside which, those already mentioned, are mostly of minor account. Hence, I have often wondered how I could have so long failed to observe at least the more glaring ones, and can only plead that I, in common with most Protestants took everything for granted to such an extent that my eyes were, like Saul's, bedimmed with scales of prejudice. Old friends, while giving me credit for sincerity, predicted that after a short experience in the Catholic Church I would speedily retrace my steps. On the contrary, I found that "the half had not been told me," and that, like the painted windows, she was even more beautiful from within than from without; and I can thankfully testify that I have never had one single doubt, because I could never discover one single flaw. I found her a "glorious Church, without spot or wrinkle, or any such thing." (Eph. v. 27). Some bad Catholics I found, indeed, but even they cling to her skirts, and she, in her motherly mercy, does not cast them off, praying and hoping for their repentance. But the masses of her children, from the prince to the son of toll, know in whom and in what they believe, and are struggling to serve God, amid trials and persecutions, in every tribe, and tongue and nation. The so-called "yoke of the Catholic Church" I found to be easy, and its burden light. Instead of servile bondage I found liberty, and was at last enabled to appreciate the saying of our Lord, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." (St. John, 8, 32.)

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