

The ministry must teach *the faith*. These are days of shifting anchor-ages. Thousands do not know what they believe or what they disbe- lieve.

The Church is God's trustee to teach the faith. "The Church of the living God is the pillar and the ground of the truth." The faith is not the dogma of any sect or party. It is not the lesson of any human teacher. It was preached in every Eastern city before a line of Holy Gospels was written. It is that faith which was once delivered unto the saints. It is crystalized in the old Catholic creeds. No man has the right to write a faith for his brother. You know that to describe the nature and the attributes of Almighty God, to declare in His name His will, if it is not strictly, accurately true, is the most awful impiety. The moment you articulate the faith into an elaborate confession which enters the domain of human opinion, you compel men to divide into rival churches. The cause of much of the schism in the body of Christ is this desire to make our human opinions a test of fellowship in the body of Christ. It is not the things which it is necessary to believe unto salvation which divide the Church of God. There are few religi- ous bodies in Manitoba which could not hold their distinctive views as private opinions without any separation in the Church of God. There are thousands the world over who feel this, and strong cries and prayers are going up to God to hasten the time when that Divine prayer shall be answered, "that they all may be one." It is here that our beloved Church has a high vantage ground. It is a grand old historic Church. It is a tree of the Lord's planting whose seed is in itself. It is a pure branch of the one vine. Its sacred line of holy priesthood has run on unbroken. It is to-day the broadest Church in Christendom. It only asks as a condition of fellowship, Dost thou believe all the articles of the Christian faith as contained in the apostles' creed. It takes of men a solemn oath of fealty. It dispenses in Christ's name His Holy Sacra- ments. It does not define what God has not defined. It holds up the great truth of salvation alone by faith in Jesus Christ, and in the broad- est charity recognizes the validity of the baptism of all who have been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Why may not we believe that the day will come when, by the love shed abroad by the Holy Ghost, all who love Christ may be one in Him.

These are no days for timid counsels or for doubting faith. We must plant ourselves on the old creeds which were held before the Church was divided. There can be no breadth of doctrine which will include truth and falsehood; but there may be breadth of administra- tion which binds in one all who hold and believe the Catholic faith. We must tell men of our King and His kingdom; we must take men in a walk about Sion to show them her bulwarks. By the faith, by the love, and by the work of apostles we must show to them that ours is the Church of the Apostles; speak no word which will grate harshly on the ears of those who love Christ; do no deed which savors of

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