

ally made on several occasions have not been fulfilled, which would make Christ out a false teacher, and consequently not the Son of God or our Redeemer, which no Christian will say. Bad churchmen and their followers fell into error and were cut off from the very times of the apostles. "Heresies will come" (2 Tim. iii. 13). "In the last time some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to the spirits of error and doctrines of devils, speaking lies in hypocrisy" (1 Tim. iv. 1, 2). There were no parties holding false doctrine tolerated in the Apostolic Church. Opinions in matters of discipline were tolerated. The fall into heresy of many former Catholics does not prove that the entire Church fell away. There was a large defection from the Church in the times of the so-called Reformation, but the conversions in other countries largely made up for the loss in Europe.

The Catholics of the world number, according to the best authority (*Scientific Miscellany*), two hundred and twenty-five millions, Protestants of all denominations taken collectively, sixty-five millions, less than one-fifth of all calling themselves Christians: Schismatics, Greek, and Russian are sixty millions. Those never assume or receive the title of Catholics, though they say in their creed, "I believe in the Holy Catholic Church."

Q. Are not all denominations branches of the true Church of Christ?

A. There is no foundation for this assertion in the Bible; Christ established his own Church over eighteen hundred years ago, and the various denominations have established their churches