

INTRODUCTION.

It is common for Roman and other schismatics to assert that the Anglican Branch of the Catholic Church had no existence previous to the Reformation. The former ~~is~~ interested in perpetuating this now notorious fallacy, since ~~he is~~ well aware that with devout and earnest christians, the unbroken and continued existence of our Lord's body, "the Church," is a Scriptural necessity, and they both feel and know that it has ever existed on earth, and that that can only be His Church which has continued from apostolic times up to our own. The latter hopes to find an excuse for unwarrantable separation from a branch of the Church which they admit to be, at least, Holy. That the Anglican, Scotch and Irish Branches and their descendants do unquestionably belong to the Catholic Church, as the Church of Rome is, even yet, admitted to do, is a fact which all history shows, and which it is the object