

And fixed on Heaven, where it is given
 To joyfu' saints to dwell,
 The soul sublime, through endless time,
 Will pride in the Convent C II.

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REMARKS ON THE BIBLE.

The Bible came after the church. In the old law, religion existed long before Moses wrote; also the Christian Church in point of time preceded the Christian scriptures, or the books of the New Testament, and that it existed with all its essential attributes in the completeness, in the organism, in the integrity of its doctrine, in the fulness of its prerogatives and authority before there was a question of the inspired books which are contained in what we call the New Testament. The founder of the Christian Church was Jesus Christ. He was the author and finisher of our faith. He was the divine teacher that came to live as man to communicate His revelations to men. He taught, not by writing, but by word of mouth, He never wrote himself. He never gave any instructions or demands to others to write. His commission to His Apostles was, "Go preach the Gospel to every creature; go teach all nations;" and as soon as the Holy Ghost had descended on them on the day of Pentecost they made haste to commence the fulfillment of the mission which he had entrusted to them. They began to preach in Jerusalem, and thousands and tens of thousands received their belief, their doctrines, and were baptised into the Church. The apostles went forth from place to place, so that it was true to say that in a very brief space of time the sound of their voice had gone forth throughout the earth; and it was true to say that the Church was founded, the Church had its ministry, its sacraments, its worship, and that hundreds and thousands received its faith, were baptised into its bosom, were fed and nourished by its sacraments, lived and died in communion with God and were numbered as members of the Church triumphant in heaven before the books of the New Testament were penned. The Church was, therefore, anterior to the New Testament and