

the immense majority of bishops. Of course the High Churchmen do not deny the authority of the Roman Catholic bishops whose ordinations they accept, and who declare that, in the Anglican Church or anywhere out of the pale of Rome, there is no salvation. If they appeal to a General Council of the Church, they will have to determine how the Council is to be assembled. In former days a Council might be called by an Orthodox Emperor. But in the present day who is to call one but the Pope? An infallibility which has no available organ is a clock with perfect works, but without face or hands.

—The battle of Clerical Tests, also, still rages, its eddies circling round the undaunted figure of Principal Grant. What is the rationale of Tests? We know what it was in former days. A Church Council such as that of Nice, a Clerical Convention such as that of Westminster, or even a lay power not embarrassed with humility such as their Majesties King Henry VIII. and Queen Elizabeth deemed itself invested by Heaven with plenary authority to settle the religious opinions of men, and it settled them by a creed, confession or Code of Articles accordingly. Till lately boys of sixteen at the English universities were required to declare their hearty assent to the Thirty-nine Articles, embodying the multifarious results of fifteen centuries of theological discussion. There was no pretence of consulting the individual conscience: infallibility was avowedly or practically assumed on the part of the imponent of the test, and dissent was treated as heresy, not to be met with arguments but to be put down with penalties. In the Church of Rome this view of the matter still prevails. Nobody imagines or affects to imagine that a young peasant caught in an Irish bog and trained under lock and key for the priesthood at Maynooth has arrived by discourse of reason at the conclusions of the Council of Trent. He would tell you himself that he believed his creed, not because he had personally assured himself of its truth but because it was taught him by his Church, and if any light from