

is admitted also. That Church, the Blessed Saviour has promised, shall exist to the end of time, and that Church we must hear and believe, for the Saviour says: "He that doth not hear the Church, let him be unto you a heathen and publican." Now, we must inquire what is the Church we must hear and we must believe? Why, of course, the Church established by Christ; that is the only true Church of God. Now, no Church can claim to be the Church of Jesus Christ except that one that has existed from the time that Jesus was upon the earth. How many years is it since He ascended into Heaven? It is now 1,840 years since Christ left the earth. He established His Church before He left the earth; therefore, the true Church of God must be 1,840 years old. Now, which is the Church, among all the Christian denominations in existence—which is the Church that has existed 1,840 years? There is but one on the whole face of this earth, and that is the Catholic Church, and the one all history can bear testimony to in that respect, not only all Catholic and Christian history, but Pagan history, Jewish history, Protestant history, Infidel history; and, in a word, the history of all nations and of all people is there to prove that the Catholic Church is the oldest and the first, and the one established by Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. All the monuments of antiquity bear testimony to it, and all the nations of the earth acknowledge it. Ask any preacher which is the oldest and the first Church, and he will tell you it is the Catholic Church. And then you say: "If the Catholic Church is the oldest and the first, why don't you be a Catholic?" He says: "Well, because the Catholic Church has fallen into error." To this we answer, that if the Catholic Church has been once the true Church of God, she