

text. My first object of search was for the Church and what the marks were, by which it was to be discovered, The Catholic Church declaring itself to be that church, and to be known to be such by its being *One Holy Catholic Apostolic and Infallible*, I determined to see how far these marks were supported by Scripture, and as far as I found them so, to respect them.

THE CHURCH.

Christ left a Church, and it was to be.

One.—Isaiah xxxv. 8, liv. 17, lx. 11, 12; Ezekiel xxxvii. 24, 26; Matt. xvi. 18, xvii. 17; John x. 16; Acts ii. 47. v. 11, viii. 1, xi. 26. xii. 5, xiv. 27, xv. 22, xviii. 22; Romans xvii. 4, 5; 1st Corinthians iv. 17; Col. i. 18, 24; Ephesians i. 22, iv. 5, 13, 14, v. 25.

Holy.—Isaiah xxxv. 8, liv. 17; Malachi i. 11; Eph. v. 26, 27; Col. i. 18, 24.

Catholic.—Isaiah ii. 2, ix. 7; Daniel ii. 44; Malachi i. 11; Matt. xviii. 17, xxxiii. 20; Acts vii. 33; 1 Cor. i. 2; Ephesians iii. 2, 11, v. 32; Col. i. 17, 24; 1 Peter v. 13.

Apostolic.—Matt. xviii. 17, xxviii. 12, 20; Luke x. 2, 3, 16, xxii. 31, 32; John xv. 16, xvii. 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23; xx. 21, 23; Acts xv. 4; 1 Cor. xii. 28; Eph. iv. 11, 12, 13, 14; Heb. xiii. 17; 1 John iv. 6.

Infallible.—Isaiah ii. 2, xxxv. 8, xl. 8, liv. 15, 17, lvix. 21, lx. 12; Ezekiel xxxvii. 26; Daniel ii. 44; Mich. iv. 7; Matt. xvi. 18, xxviii. 20, Mark xvi. 17; John xvi. 16, 17, 18, 26; Acts xiv. xii; 1 Cor. xii. 28; Col. i. 16, 18, 24; Eph. i. 20, 21; iii. 9, 10, v. 24, 29; 1 Tim. iii. 15.

Having proved the points above stated so far scriptural, my desire naturally extended next to all the doctrines of that Church, which must surely be good and wholesome, if they emanated from the church, upon which the finger of God is so incontestably stamped. I shall take them in the order they struck myself, which is, first, the

Trinity.—Gen. xvi. 2, 3, 4; Matt. xxviii. 19; 2 Cor. xiii. 14, 1 John v. 7.

Pope, or Chief Bishop.—Matt. x. 2, 3, xvi. 18; Luke xxii. 31, 32; John xxi. 15, 16, 17; Acts i. 13, 15; xv. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.

Holy Orders.—Luke xxii. 19; John xx. 21, 22, 23; Acts vi. 5, 6, 7; xiii. 2, 3, 4; 1 Tim. iv. 14.

Tradition.—(Apostolic) Deut. xxxii. 7; Matt. xxviii. 20; Luke x. 16; John x. 16; xvii. 18; Acts xv. 17; xx. 28; 1 Cor. xi. 2; 2 Thes. ii. 15; iii. 6; 2 Tim. i. 13, 14; ii. 2.

Scriptures.—(Not our sole rule of faith.) Matt. xviii. 17; Acts. xx. 28; xxvi. 23; 1 Cor. i. 10; vi. 17; 2 Thes. ii. 16; iii. 6; 2 Peter iii. 6; i. 20; 2 Tim. i. 13, 14.

Baptism.—Matt. iii. 6; x. viii. 19; Mark xvi. 16; John iii. 5; Acts vii. 36, 37, 38. (and faith one) Mark xvi. 16; Acts xiii. 48; Gal. v. 6; Eph. iv. 5; Heb. xi. 6; James ii. 14, 17.

Confirmation.—Acts xix. 1; John xx. 22; 2 Cor. i. 22; Heb. vi. 2.

Abstinence.—Gen. ii. 17; Exodus xii. 15; Lev. xi. 7, 8; Daniel x. 2, 3, 12; Acts xv. 28, 29.

Fasting.—Joel ii. 12, 13, 15; Daniel x. 2, 3, 12; Jonah iii. 5, 6, 7, 10; Matt. iv. 2, ix. 15; Mark ii. 20, ix. 27, 28, 29; Luke v. 35; Acts xiii. 2, 3, xiv. 23; 2 Cor. vi. 5, xi. 27.

Confession.—Numbers v. 5, 6, 7; Matt. iii. 5, 6, xviii. 18; John xx. 22, 23; Acts xix. 18; James v. 16; 1 John i. 8, 9.

Absolution.—Matt. ix. 6, xvi. 18, 19; John xx. 21, 22, 23; 2 Cor. ii. 10.

Councils.—(of the Church assisted by God) Matt. xviii. 20, Acts xv. 28, 41.

Eucharist.—Matt. xxvi. 26, 27, 28; Mark xiv. 22, 24; Luke xxii. 19; John vi. 27, 32, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 60; 1 Cor. x. 16, xi. 26, 27, 28, 29; 2 Peter i. 4; Eph. v. 30; Col. i. 26, 27.

Free Will.—Gen. iii. 9; Dent. xxx. 19; Prov. i. 24, 25; Isaiah v. 4; Ezekiel xviii. 31, 32; Matt. xxiii. 37; Luke xiii. 34; Acts vii. 51; Heb. xii. 15; 2 Peter iii. 9; Rev. iii. 20.

Purgatory.—Isaiah xlix. 9, lxi. 1; Matt. v. 25, 26, xii. 32, 36; 1 Cor. ii. 13, 14, 15; Eph. iv. 8.

To pray for the dead is said to be a good and wholesome thought in 2 Maccabees xii. 43, 46: 'This portion of Scripture, though not in all Protestant bibles, is nevertheless in some, and in all Catholic ones, so that we cannot but respect it.—besides we all know it was and is a custom of the Jews to pray for their dead, and as our Lord taught so often in their synagogues, what they were to do, and from what to refrain, we cannot but suppose He would surely have prohibited this practice, had it been either sinful or useless.

Hell, (its torments eternal.)—Isaiah xxxiii. 14; Mark ix. 42, 43, 44; Rev. xx. 9, 10.

Extreme Unction.—James v. 14, 15; Mark vi. 13.

Sin, (Original.)—Psalms li. 5; Rom. v. 12; Eph. ii. 3.