

evil into a greater one. To be always mending matters, when needed, by *striving together* and *never apart*, must be the only sure way to retain that greatest virtue, which "suffereth long and is kind."

The limits allowed me do not permit my entering into illustrations of the defects of intellect or of private judgement, or of cases in which the conscience is at fault, or of the intricacies of Holy Scripture, which require both learning and authority to explain. It might also be shewn, that only a very few out of the masses have time to study religious questions involving deep research; all which would prove, that if we be desirous of faithfully doing our duty as members of Christ's body, by handing down the whole truth to our children's children, it is absolutely necessary that our offspring should be taught, as early as possible, to pay proper deference to their "spiritual pastors and masters," as well as to civil governors. They should be taught, as Romanists are, and with much more reason and much more necessity, how to obey their church. They should be taught the history of Catholic doctrine, even more carefully than any other history. They should be taught that their own judgements, their own hearts, or their own consciences, are never to be altogether trusted. In short, both we and our children should know that our reason, when well used, will only show us that "the wisdom of man is folly before God," and that our reason itself is imperfect, and has need of a divine authority to guide it; just as we have need of the laws of the State to rule and protect us in this world. In this way alone can the Church of God be like a "city situated on a hill, which cannot be hid;" and I verily believe, that if this doctrine were properly inculcated upon the conscience of every child from its earliest capacity, its moral power would be such as to require no other coercion.

In conclusion, and to sum up. We believe the Bible to be the Word of God. The Bible commands us to obey our spiritual rulers. These give us the Bible in our own tongue, that we may see that they do not wish to mislead us; but we find that the Bible is full of intricate and difficult passages. We also find that we sometimes differ from our clergy, or else we are easily offended and crotchety. We want our own way, and