

the traditions of fallible men. They were to teach "all things whatsoever" which he had "commanded" them, and nothing contrary to those "things." And, further, it must be remembered that all the "things whatsoever" which he had commanded, personally, very shortly after, by two of his Apostles, and two other of the inspired professors of his doctrines, were, by the *inspiration* and *direction* of his *Spirit*, committed to *writing*, for the benefit of his Church in all ages.

The same remarks will equally serve as to the texts in Mark 16 and Luke 24, also cited by Mr. Maturin to support his Traditionary doctrine and its oral transmission. He next refers the writer to Acts 1 : 8, where it is said that the Apostles should be "witnesses" unto the Saviour "unto the uttermost parts of the earth." And so they have been, and will be to the end of time, by the Scriptures they composed through the inspiration of his Spirit. In this way they may be said, in reality, to be constant *living* witnesses. But there is not a word here at all alluding to any oral transmission of any part of their teachings. The other texts to which Mr. Maturin has referred the writer, are the same which he gave in his first pamphlet, and on which the writer remarked in answering it. Had Mr. Maturin forgotten all this? If not, his again referring the writer to those texts was simply superfluous, and giving himself and the writer needless trouble. It is quite sufficient here to remark, as to those cited texts, that there is not, in any of them, the slightest intimation as to any verbal teaching of gospel truths being *orally* transmitted to the Church through any period of its history.

In page 58, Mr. Maturin has given us the rules laid down by Cardinal Bellarmine for ascertaining the genuine Apostolical Traditions of the Church. Here, the reader may be informed, if he did not know it before, that this Cardinal Bellarmine was one of the most violent and bigoted adherents of the Papaey, and wrote largely in *definitions* and support of its traditionary dogmas. But although he was a Cardinal, he was not a *Father*.