

ever immutable, ever the same, inaccessible to the vicissitudes of human things. It is the only chain of monarchs that comes down unbroken through the centuries, and whose connection can be traced back, link by link, from the present Pope, the immortal Pius IX, the venerable prisoner of the Vatican, up to him, to whom Christ said : "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church."

All things change here below, governments with their forms, but the divine constitution of the Church ; her monarchical form of government always remains one and the same, unchanged and unchangeable. Time and again the sacrilegious hand of the stranger usurped the patrimony of the Roman Pontiffs, their capital was invaded, their see overturned, and they themselves imprisoned, exiled, or put to death ; but never has human ambition, prompted by the Prince of Darkness, been able to change the government of the Roman Church. Is not this a unity truly Divine ? Yes, it is a phenomenon that is the work of God. While everything is crumbling around us ; while dynasties disappear to give place to others ; and thrones totter and fall to decay, and when we see the Catholic Church, the Church of Rome, firm and unshaken on her imperishable foundation, when we see human ideas and systems of philosophy melt into nought, and the Church remain ever the same in the midst of this universal ruin, seeing all this, we must conclude, that she is not the work of man, but supernatural and divine ! Therefore, the Church of Rome possesses *de facto* the two-fold unity of faith and ministry.

To the unbiassed and unprejudiced mind, we have proved from the intention and prayer of Jesus Christ that the Church which he founded here on earth, should be one in faith, in worship, and government, and that the Catholic Church really possesses this distinctive and essential mark of the true Church. Now, to complete our plan, and leave no room for cavil or sophistry, and open the way of truth more fully, to honest minds, we will show that no other Church or sect claiming to be Christian, possesses this mark of the true Church, viz., unity, and consequently is not the true Church.

Where, I ask, outside of the Catholic Church will you find this unique standing prodigy of a symbol dating back for eighteen centuries, and always uncorrupted and unchanged ? Where find an example of a government ever lasting in its existence, and ever the same in form ? You may search in the present age or in bygone ages ; you may search in all the annals of the sects of all nations and all countries, at all times, but you will search in vain. All other religions or sects bear the impress of man. All partake more or less of the weakness and corruption of man. All change and vary with the caprice of man. Yes, I defy you to find me, outside of the Catholic Church, any one religious society, Pagan or Christian, that presents this two-fold unity of faith and government. Where, I ask, will you go to find this religious unity ? Will it be among the Pagans ? But you might as well look for light in the midst of darkness, for order amid anarchy, for virtue in the haunts of crime. Among the Pagans each country has its own religion, and each family its own god.

Will you find unity of belief or government in the Jewish religion ? Yes, up to the time of Christ ; before it was the only true religion, but when the Great Sun of light and truth burst forth on the world, in the person of Jesus Christ, the Jewish synagogue crumbled and Jerusalem was destroyed, and the