

Remember this, oh my brethren, in these modern days of a divided Christendom; in order that you may answer intelligently the objector and the scoffer; in order that you, henceforth, be no more children, tossed to and fro upon a sea of uncertainty at the mercy of every change of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; in order that you may learn yet more and more to love the Holy Church, and to live and die within Her Sacred Fold.

"Soft peace She brings, wherever She arrives

"She builds our quiet, as She forms our lives;

"Lays the rough paths of peevish nature even,

"And opens in each breast a little Heaven."

Oh, never forget your glorious Catholic heritage. You are members of the Church of the Living GOD. The Holy Church for which the Apostles laboured, and the Godly Martyrs ebb'd out their lives' precious blood. The Church of the ages. The Church of numberless Saints and Virgins who rest from their labours. The Church of Kings and Queens of England down to our own beloved lady, Queen Victoria. The Church descending to us from the ancient British Church of the 1st century,—the grand, old, historic Church of England.

Remember *this* when the enemies of the English Church would villify and misrepresent Her Catholic and Apostolic character. Remember *this* when other and strange voices tempt you to despise Her Holy Sacraments or to leave Her Sacred Fold.

Remember *this* when you are told apparently in good earnest that the English Church is but a sect of merely human origin which sprang up at the time of the Reformation. Remember *this* when it is said that it does not matter what you are, or where you go to, so long as you are as good as other people.

Ah, my brethren, men speak thus for want of careful investigation; and because, alas, in the present day people prefer an easy religion which calls forth no real act of self-denial from them, and which too often means a worldly spirit through the days of the week, and Sunday entertainment in the form of a good sermon or some good music, whilst there is an entire absence of devotion; and the desire to worship GOD in the beauty of holiness within His Temple is far removed from their minds and hearts; and it is *this* sort of so-called religion, without devotion, which the Catholic Churchman must ever solemnly protest against. There is abroad in the world to-day a religious senti-