

that it was no more the Catholic and Apostolic Church, which it professes to be than the newest sect which has just appeared in the religious horizon. The sectarian cannot, with advantage to himself, answer the question so often put by the papists: "Where was your Church before Luther or Calvin?" The Church alone in this country can answer that question satisfactorily to an intelligent mind. She does this not by shuffling and evading the question like the sects; by saying that her faith is found in the bible, while the sects must know, that, to not one of them was the bible ever committed for safe keeping. It is true the Church can prove this to a demonstration. She can show that her faith is found in the Holy Scriptures, but she can do more than that; for she can trace her origin to Christ Himself, her great founder, and prove that her Sacraments and ministry were given her by Him that had all authority to give them, and that she never seceded from any church or religious society in Christendom. A reformation of religion she holds is not a creation of a new church, but a reformation of