

spread over the whole Dominion of the very doctrines which it was the object of our persecutors to suppress. So it will be now.

Let us possess our souls in patience. Let us be quiet, and hold our tongues.

And as for you, trust in your church principles : trust in your common sense : trust your clergy.

If you have doubts or misgivings, come to us, and have them explained. If we fail to satisfy you, and cannot make you see things exactly in the same light in which we see them, or from the same point of view from which we regard them, *then* (if it must be) go elsewhere, where you will have all the mere prettyness of our system, without that which alone gives it reality ; but if you go, let us still preserve the law of charity unbroken, and let us still be friends.

One would have thought, dear friends, that the little form of prayer, used when our friend presented the Cross, would have disarmed prejudice, and silenced gainsayers. But it was not so. Even our prayer was made a ground of offence and complaint. I cannot help thinking that the words of the prayer must have been imperfectly heard and were, therefore, mis-understood. Let me repeat it now, and let it serve as the concluding words of my address to you this morning :

“ O Lord Jesus Christ, who by the will of the Father, didst save the world by shedding Thy Blood on the Cross of Calvary ; bless (we beseech Thee, as a sign of Thy triumph) this Cross which we consecrate in love and honor of Thy Victorious Name ; and grant that whosoever bears it, or looks upon it, may be ever mindful of Thy saving Passion, and bear about in the body Thy Dying, Who livest and reignest, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.”

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