

Apostolical Commission of the Bishops, and under them the presbyters of the Church.

"That under the present circumstances of the Church in England, there is peculiar danger of these matters being slighted and practically disavowed, and of numbers of Christians being left or tempted to precarious and unauthorised ways of Communion, which must terminate often in virtual apostacy."

Any candid reader may perceive in the above extracts, one or two leading features : these constitute the essence of Puseyism, and will serve the principal purpose at which I aim in these Lectures--just to draw out and exhibit them.

1. There is an *indistinctness*, or rather *ignorance*, as to the great and fundamental doctrine of *Justification* ; it is not specifically alluded to, but is virtually superseded by what follows.

2. Salvation is represented as coming through the Sacraments --i. e. *Sacramental Justification* is taught.

3. The *Sacrament of the Lord's Supper* is alluded to with what must be feared is a *designed ambiguity*, in connexion with the "*partaking of the body and blood of our Sacrificed Redeemer*."

4. The *Ministry of the Episcopal Church in England* is spoken of in the way of *undue exaltation*, and by the *exclusiveness* of the terms used, is highly offensive.

In connection with the origin and tenets, we may also state the chief causes of the movement at this time. One great cause was *Fear*—There was a great popular movement in Great Britain, in the year 1833, that led certain sagacious divines to believe that the Established Church was to be overthrown. They imagined that what is called the Voluntary Principle, was destined to gain the supremacy in that country. Believing this, they said to themselves, "it is quite clear that if the Establishment be overthrown we shall be denuded of those claims of superiority and of transcendental dignity which we have never sacrificed, and be placed on a level with the ministers of denominations not sustained by the State. They said "under these circumstances we must have something to fall back upon when the State falls off. We will fall back upon the assumption, that we are the Church, and that all Churches or Communions extrinsic to ours, are heathen men and publicans." They forthwith commenced their operations with consummate skill and with growing success.