

*every* article of faith which the Apostles delivered to the Church was *afterwards* particularly explained in their writings." We answer, that every article of the Christian faith is contained in one part or other of the New Testament Scriptures; and most of them are mentioned and sufficiently explained in various parts of those Scriptures; and we further say, that the oral Papal doctrines which are attempted to be imposed upon us as true, we reject as totally unfounded and false, for these plain and sufficient reasons: that none of them are to be found in the Scriptures, and that some of them are directly contrary to the most express declarations of those inspired records. We know that the Papal Church asserts that her oral doctrines are true, on the ground that she is divinely authorized to teach infallibly; but this we, Protestants, deny, as being entirely unwarranted by Scripture, and, therefore, we contend that both the assumed infallibility, and the oral doctrines founded thereon, are equally false and profane.

Let us now briefly examine some passages of Scripture to which Mr. Maturin refers us in support of his doctrine of Oral Tradition, and its oral transmission in the Church. The first he mentions is in Matt 28:19, 20: "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them," &c.; "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." But what has this passage to do with the asserted doctrine of mere tradition, and its *oral* transmission? There is not the slightest intimation of it in the text, as the most ordinary capacity will see. This text was cited by Mr. Maturin in his former publication, and in support of his doctrine of *infallibility*, and now he offers it in support of *tradition*. He wishes to make it a two-edged sword, but it is entirely useless for either purpose.

The writer of this, in his answer to the first publication of Mr. Maturin, commented on this text, and may give the same words here as follows: "And what were they to teach? Not