

in the Apostolic age, and subsequently by the Catholic or Universal and Orthodox Church in its several branches.

We have the advantage of the various Protestant and Evangelical denominations in retaining not only ancient and Apostolic doctrine, but also ancient and Apostolic usages and forms. Though we wish them God-speed in their labor of love in extending the glad tidings of the Kingdom, we would fain see them cherish that love and veneration for our Church to which she is justly entitled, especially as under God's good providence they owe to her their very existence.

We have the advantage over the Roman Church, inasmuch as we repudiate all the modern, or comparatively modern, errors which have crept into her doctrine and practice since the seventh century. Though Apostolic in origin, and formerly Catholic (Orthodox) in the faith, she has cumbered her worship with so many anti-Scriptural doctrines as to have cut herself off from the Holy Universal Church of Christ, and is now virtually the Church of Mary, her chief intercessor, and of the Pope, her chief ruler and so-called "infallible" guide.

The Church of England, for many centuries in subjection to the Church of Rome, returned at the Reformation to her original independence, to her Scriptural purity, and to her rightful position as a true branch of the Catholic and Apostolic Church. She repudiated Papal errors and Papal domination before the whole of Christendom. She declared the Word of God to be her only authority, and Jesus only her Divine Head. Her Articles and Constitution have been so framed as to suffer no departure from the "faith once delivered to the Saints."

She is now laboring in England, Canada, the United States, and the various missionary fields of the heathen world, with greater energy and success than at any previous period of her history. The Jesuitical agents of Rome are also as fiercely laboring to counteract her good work, to corrupt her doctrine, and to pull down her venerable fabric. They may possibly be permitted for a time to succeed, and cause her to pass through much tribulation; yet shall she again arise, and shine with renewed lustre, and stand forth before the world more compact and vigorous than ever, because she is established on the Word of God, built on the foundation of the Apostles and prophets, the Lord Jesus Christ himself being her chief corner-stone.