

of God; but chose to herself, one after another, the inventions of man. (See last page of No. 21, Vol. V. of *The Church*).—What was the adoration and invocation of Saints? What the adoration of relics? Man's inventions. What else was her purgatory, her auricular confession, her transubstantiation?—These were some of the things with which she had corrupted the purity of the doctrine of Christ. 'The Reformers tried her by the Word of God; retained what was in accordance therewith, and rejected the rest. And so must we do with those, in our days, who would bring in among us newly invented plans and unscriptural practices. We must try them by the Word of God. Had the Church of Rome done this, she never would have departed from the faith. Had the Protestants of Geneva and Germany done this, they would not have fallen into the mire of Neology. Man's inventions may appear beautiful to the eye, and admirably adapted to the end he has in view, but "there is no wisdom, nor understanding, nor counsel, against the Lord."—(Prov. xxi. 30).

If, therefore, you hear any practice of your fellow-Christians spoken of, however excellent it may appear, and however great may be the success which attends it at the first, bring it "to the law and to the testimony," and if you find that it accords not with that test, beware of it. No doubt many inventions adopted by the Romish Church appeared excellent at the time of their adoption, and admirably adapted to the end she had in view; but we know to what they led. No doubt the practice of some of our fellow-Christians of the present day, of begging, and persuading, and frightening, and dragging people up to a particular seat, appears an admirable plan.—But do we find any notice of such a practice in the Word of God? We find the blessed Saviour and his Apostles "preaching the word," and trusting to the Holy Spirit to apply that word to the consciences of their hearers. On the great day of Pentecost, St. Peter preached to the assembled multitude, and when they "heard, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."—(Acts ii. 37, 38). When the Philippian jailor cried out to Paul and

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