

Church. If by the laver of regeneration you have been made members of Christ, children of GOD, and inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven, and yet you still neglect the Holy Sacraments and services of the church, and foolishly think that you can get more spiritual good elsewhere, you are surely making a sad mistake; your folly and presumption have reached a most distressing degree, for you are simply running away from the ordinary and divinely-appointed channel of grace and blessing. Because others may receive spiritual blessings outside of GOD'S appointed and ordinary channel of dispensing grace through His church, let us rather thank GOD for His great mercy, although we may weep bitter tears because many,—amongst whom are some of our dearest friends,—are not safely sheltered and lovingly trained within the Holy Fold where all spiritual graces abound. Oh, let us never cease to offer daily the prayer taught our infant lips by our English branch of the Church. "For the good estate of the Catholic Church; that it may be so guided and governed by Thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life."

Such, then, in very brief outline, is the history suggested by those two words of our Lord's "My Church;" and by studying the history of the Church we discover the reasons why every disciple of Christ should belong to the Catholic Church, and all English-speaking Christians to the English portion of the Church. We shall do well to remember that when we were baptised we were *not* received into any particular portion of the "congregation of Christ's flock," that is to say, we were not simply made members of the Church of England, in the sectarian sense, but we were baptised into the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, of which the three portions,—the Greek, the English and the Latin,—in union with the True Vine, form the whole congregation.

"Like a mighty army
 Moves the Church of GOD;
 Brothers we are treading
 Where the Saints have trod;
 We are not divided,
 All one body we,
 One in hope and doctrine,
 One in charity."