

anathemas are sanctioned ; " Whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven ! " Oh ! how precious is that link ! The preacher calls it " golden ! " That " golden link " against which the " gates of hell never prevailed," and which has power to " bind and loose on earth," hands us over as heretics, to the very " pit of hell," curses us in every action of our life, whether we " eat," " drink," " walk," or " sleep ! " Assuredly it would have been wiser if the Synod passed a resolution recommending the preacher to reconsider his theology, and to tremble as a Protestant, at the danger of asserting, that " if but *one* link in that golden chain "—Pope Joan for instance,—“ had ever been lost or broken, then there exists not at this moment a valid ministry on earth ; ” and the promise of Christ's perpetuity fails. The preacher farther remarks for *our consolation*, that " we belong to a church that can satisfactorily prove this *great fact*, when occasion requires." I hope, therefore, we shall see this proof, for undoubtedly it is required. To your task, therefore, oh preacher of preachers ! commence your " endless genealogy," and when it is proved, you will then have to address the Synod next time, as to the punishment of heretics, and further, to dilate on the great advantages which *we* are to derive from our " Apostolic golden chain ! " Oh ! precious relic !!

I love our Church for her three-fold order of ministry, because I believe it was the model left by the Apostles, but he who tells me to love that ministry because it is a successional one, or he who tells me that a ministry cannot be valid because not successional, is guilty of