

themselves as schismatics when they so often refused to obey the Roman Pontiff, because they knew he had no Scriptural nor legitimate authority over them. By Act of Parliament the Irish Church was obliged to submit to the foreign yoke or supremacy and superstition for 385 years only, in A. D., 1537, Henry VIII, caused the people and the church to be relieved of the burden, and although very much persecuted, the Irish Church maintains her independence of Rome unto this day; and it is now the very same church that was established there in the beginning by apostolic authority. It was some time after the Reformation in Ireland when those in the Church who were favourable to the Pope seceded from the Church of Ireland, and formed what is now called the Romish Church there.—*Palmer's Hist.*, page 168. And now, this is the Church that has hardly a gospel truth unperturbed, that the Rev. Father Damen would like us to believe was “always and everywhere the same.” Why the whole world knows that Rome is constantly changing her creed. In our own time, before 1856, she did not believe in the Immaculate Conception, now she does—before the last Council, only a few months ago, she did not believe in the Pope's Infallibility, now she does, and yet, Father Damen tells us “she was always and everywhere the same.”