

Q. What do you infer from that ?

A. That as the Church was founded in blood, even the blood of Christ and his apostles, and as persecution was the lot of her divine Founder and his first apostles, so has it been ever since the lot of the Church he founded on the rock of Peter ; that Church against which he promised that the gates of hell should never prevail, and that he himself would be with her all days, even to the consummation of the world.