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NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE.

"Every kingdom divided against itself will be made desolate."

THESE words one day fell from the lips of the Divine Founder of Christianity, yet strange to say, we behold division carried to its last extremities in what seems to be His own kingdom. Christianity at present is more than ever torn up into sects without number, into denominations whose only link is the belief in Christ and a common opposition to a church against which they protest.

These societies are tormented with a craving for unity which finds vent either in repeated efforts to remodel themselves on fundamental articles of belief, or in common works of charity and moral reform, or again in a "brotherly exchange of pulpits," or what is still more surprising, in the striking off from the varying professions of faith the points of difference in order to realize the ideal society that might truly be called "undenominational." Useless efforts! For there are only two logical meetings possible for those who stand on the ground of partial negation: either in the flood of total unbelief or on the shore of entire and absolute faith in all the truths revealed by Christ. Now where lies this fortunate shore? Many would be horror-stricken were they told.

Everyone will admit the principle that a work must bear the impress of the workman; hence the church must manifest the image of her founder. Now there are in the per-

son of the Divine Founder certain traits which stand out in bold relief. The first of these is unity. Christ Jesus is the center towards which all things converge; He unites the human with the divine, the created and the eternal, the mortal with the immortal, the old testament with the new, heaven with the earth; He brought peace to those whom sin had severed that He might bring them to God. Did He not pray on that solemn evening that "all who were His should be one like the Father and He are one," not the unity of denial and error, but in the unity of truth! The church then must be stamped with the character of unity in doctrine, for she, like her founder, must be the link connecting the human and the divine, heaven and earth, the past and the future, the Greek and the Barbarian. She must solidly fix the intellects in a common belief in order to inflame the hearts with the same charity, so that men being guided by the same discipline and the same moral principles will reach the same goal.

Again, Christ is the saviour of all men. He is the center that radiates to all the points of the circumference; His redemption extends to all; His church also must be for all—that is, she must embrace all times and all places: she must be universal.

Another striking feature in the Divine Founder is His infallibility. Unlike poor mortals who grope in the dark in their search for truth, He dwells in truth, He is truth, and