

alliance would lead, inevitably, to unity, to real oneness, who may doubt?

So far, we have dealt only with the external foes of Christianity. It may be well, however, before concluding, to say something regarding its secret enemies, since, in this case also, they are no less the foes of all true Christianity than they are of the Church. The conflict, here, to put it in as few words as possible, rages round the authenticity and divine authority of the Written Word of God, even as the open conflict rages round the Person and Divinity of the Living, Incarnate Word, God made Man.

Now, if there is one characteristic which, more than any other, is supposed to differentiate Protestantism from Catholicism, it is the attitude ascribed to each towards the Holy Scriptures. Protestantism claims, and is popularly held to be, the "religion of the Bible", Catholicism, the religion of tradition and of human authority. I say "supposed", deliberately, for, as there is abundant evidence to shew, the Church of the Fathers, of the Schoolmen, and of the Middle Ages, was, emphatically, the Church of the Bible. On her liturgy, her theology, her hymnology, on her whole literature, the Latin Bible, according to the witness of a non-Catholic scholar, Dr. Maitland, in his "Dark Ages," has left an impress only to be compared with that made by the English Bible on English-speaking Protestantism. Indeed, if the comparison halts, in any measure, it is because the impress is deeper, and more evident to those who know how to find it, in the former case than in the latter. There is a sense, in which it is as literally true to say that the Western, or Latin Church is as truly the work of the Vulgate as it is to say that Anglicanism is the work of the Book of Common Prayer; such work meaning, of course, the formation and nourishment of a distinct type of spiritual life and character. More, it is no less true that to those unfamiliar with the phraseology of the Vulgate—to refer, once again, to Dr. Maitland,—the Church's language, whether devotional or