

same land with them, put our light under a bushel. With us "this is a day of good tidings, but if we hold our peace, some mischief will come upon us."

This people, while burdened with enormous ecclesiastical machinery which they are forced by law to support, do not worship *exclusively* the God who made heaven and earth. They pray to saints and angels, and for the dead. They worship the Virgin Mary, and the Host which is a thin wafer made of flour, and so manipulated by priests that they firmly believe it to be changed into the very body, the soul and the divinity of Jesus Christ. They adoringly fall upon their knees in the street and in the church before this deified wafer. Jesus Christ instituted only two sacraments, but Papists have added five others, viz., Confession, Penance, Extreme Unction, Holy Orders and Matrimony. Baptism with them regenerates, and the sacraments are the only channels of grace. Without these there is no salvation; and seeing they are in the hands of priests who may grant or withhold them, it is obviously most dangerous to offend persons wielding such power. They believe in purgatory, a place of purification and unutterable torments into which departed souls pass at death, and where they are cleansed from remnants of sin contracted after baptism and for which the blood of Christ does not avail. This cleansing is effected through the prayers of priests and saints and of the Virgin Mary and especially the frequent offering of the sacrifice of the Mass in which Christ in his Divine and human nature is believed to be present. Thus souls are delivered from this intermediate prison-house and pass into heaven. The process is undeniably supplementary to the work of Christ and of his Spirit, and often proves very costly, large sums of money having to be paid to priests for prayers and masses; and it is no unusual thing for wealthy people to make liberal bequests to the church to secure such services for their souls after death.

The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary and the Infallibility of the Pope are articles in the creed of all devout papists. These are the latest doctrinal additions made by a church which boasts of having never changed. In direct opposition to the clearest Scriptural testimony it is believed that Peter had supremacy over the rest of the Apostles, and, that, like all Popes, Cardinals, Bishops and priests, he was an unmarried man, although we are distinctly told in three Gospels that Jesus healed his wife's mother of a fever. (Mat. 8:14; Mar. 1:30; Lu. 4:38, 39.) The Pope is the Vicar of Christ, his representative upon earth, and is clothed with supreme divine authority, so