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## THE REASON WHY.

I love the Church ; for she was framed  
By Apostolic hands ;  
Her corner-stone is Christ Himself,  
On which she firmly stands.

On Prophets and Apostles too :  
Foundation broad and deep ;  
With warders on her battlements,  
A ceaseless watch to keep.

I love the Church ; for hungry souls  
Here eat the bread of heaven ;  
Here, to the thirsty traveler,  
Are purest waters given.

I love the Church ; for she is old,  
Her hoary head is wise ;  
I ask no infant sect to guide  
My steps to Paradise.

I love her for her Liturgy,  
Her prayers divinely sweet,  
So Scriptural, devotional,  
Time-honored and complete :

I love the grand old Church, because  
She loves the sacred Word ;

And, for her homage to the Book,  
Is honored by her Lord.

I love the Church ; for everywhere  
The foot of man hath trod,  
She plants the Cross, and points the way  
To Paradise and God.

I love her for the gifted sons  
Who strike her hallowed lire ;  
And for her martyred saints, gone up  
In chariots of fire !

Why do I love the Church ? Because  
A wise and watchful guide,  
In weal and woe, in life, in death,  
She's ever by my side

She brings the children to her Lord,  
And lays them on His breast ;  
She smooths the pillow of the dead  
In their last place of rest.

Ah, who would not a Churchman be.  
Confest, in heart and life ?  
Who would not flee the fevered realms  
Of Sect, and Schism, and Strife ?

Then, happy in her folds, may I  
Have grace and wisdom given  
To live in her, to die in her,  
And so ascend to heaven !

—*Rev. John May.*

As the pearl-diver so Jesus  
descended into the Sea of Death,  
and arose bearing the pearl of im-  
mortality in His Hand.

*Miss Walker*

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