

was well prepared when Augustine the Romish Monk, demanded the subjection of the Irish Clergy to the Roman See, to return their unanimous reply, "we acknowledge the supremacy of no foreigner."

Speaking of the independence of the Irish Church for 900 years past, Dr. Fallcon, in his *History of Ireland*, says, in Chap. 8, page 141, as follows :

"The ecclesiastical policy of the Ancient Irish Church, which they maintained as long as their Monarchy lasted, was most obviously domestic and independent of any foreign jurisdiction. They acknowledged no superior but the Great Head of the Church, nor had they any rule of faith and practice but the written Word of God." Again he says, page 142, in the beginning of the 9th century, "No foreign power had, as yet, been acknowledged by the Irish as having any authority to compel them to submission or conformity. They continued to preserve the plan of Episcopacy established among them by their first Evangelical instructors." Where then was the Rev. Father Damen's infallible popish tribunal in our country for the period of 800 years, to which we have now traced by unanswerable evidence, our ancient and apostolic Church? Authority!! Why, Father Damen in the whole course of his lecture, which we are now noticing, never once referred us to a single authority, human