

munion, to be dallying with Romanist practices, Romanist articles of dress, Romanist phraselogy. Why, the ancient National Churches of the Continent of Europe are on the point of discarding Romanism ! At all events, they are at this moment shewing themselves to be more than usually alive to the impostures of which they have so long been dupes. They may, therefore, possibly ere long, do in many respects, what the ancient English National Church did, canonically and rightly, now three centuries ago. They may undertake the work of reforming themselves after the pattern of the early Christian Church, while yet it was really Catholic and one, prior to the division into East and West.

I should be sorry to imagine the condition of light and intelligence of any amongst us such as that the reputation of being Romanist in sentiment should appear to them a thing to be proud of. For what is implied in being Romanist in sentiment? That a man is *ex animo* ready to be governed by the code in accordance with which at the present moment the foreign national Churches are governed, and under the influence of which they had been brought to the sad state in which we see them: ready *ex animo* to assent to the forgeries and fables of the foreign hagiology: ready *ex animo* to accept as divinely-revealed infallible truths the feigned dogmas that have been attached to the Nicene Creed, some of them three hundred years ago at Trent; some of them a few months since, on the Vatican mount, the central seat of the mystic Babylon, "with whose sorceries were all the nations deceived:" feigned dogmas, which, in fact, are nothing more than the resolutions of packed meetings of a few hundred persons, many of them notoriously unqualified to think for modern men; none of them free agents.

One word, ere I conclude, on the subject of a processional cross, for the use of which a desire has been entertained by some members of our choirs.

As all things in the ancient historic Church were wont to be done—again as St. Paul would speak—*kata taxin*, according to a regulation, I desire to have it decided on authority higher than my own, whether or not, simple parochial clergy and their choirs, are by early custom entitled to have the sacred symbol borne before them.