

macy, and of the obligations witnessed to so early at the days of St. Ireneus, that all Churches and all the faithful should be in accordance with the See of Peter and the Roman Pontiff.

— « Having borrowed the key, he might open the lock, and and like a scribe instructed in the kingdom of God, draw forth treasures new as well as old. » I thank you for the very interesting corollary which you have worked out. I should like to hear something about Catholic opinion on Infallibility.

— Card. Gibbons says : It is a special Providence of God, and a particular assistance of the Holy Ghost, by which the Church of Christ is preserved from error when believing a revealed truth, or when explaining the doctrine received from Jesus Christ and His Apostles. Infallibility therefore in teaching simply means that the Pope, as successor of St. Peter, by virtue of the promises of Jesus Christ is preserved from error of judgment, when he promulgates to the Church a decision of faith or morals.

— How do you prove it from the Scriptures ?

— Positive evidence is drawn from these words of our Lord : « I am with you all days even to the end of the world. » (Matt. 28-20.) He sent His Apostles to teach the world, and make discip'les of all nations, and He promised that He would be with them and protect them for ever.

— Dear sir, here is no promise of infallibility, but only of Divine protection, and that the Christian religion shall not be cut off from the face of the earth. As He says in another place : « where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them. »

— I accept your statement, both texts give promise of Divine protection. But in the passage which we have been considering, besides this our Lord then and there plainly instituted a body of teachers, and promised them His protection for the work He had given them to do. What was this but to promise them protection against the natural tendency of the human mind to error, without which they could not fulfil their mission ; what is this protection but infallibility, supernatural protection against the natural fallibility of man ? This, therefore, was what our Lord clearly promised to the first teachers of the