

years have given him some experience. If a difficult and perilous attack were to be made on some Fort, the General would select for the enterprise a band of Veterans, rather than a body of Young Recruits who had just been enlisted.

And ought it not to be so in a tenfold degree, when we are deciding upon a Church, to which we may attach ourselves—a Church, which is to be our guide during our life-time—a Church, which is to mould and form us for eternity—a Church, which is to be our preparation-school for heaven? Is it not most important that she should be no new Church, but one that has existed for centuries?

Such is the Church of England. It dates back its birth to the very earliest times. Some think that St. Paul himself visited this country, and planted the Church here. It is clear that the Christian Church was established in England, if not in the days of the Apostles, certainly not long after; and here it has existed ever since.