

hymn in honour of the Patriarch St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus Christ, and the chaste spouse of the blessed Virgin Mary :

Whoever bless'd with health would spend
Life's transient day, and calmly end
That day without a fear,
To Joseph let them turn their eyes,
To Joseph let their prayers arise,
And he their prayers will hear," &c. *

These, then are some of the prayers which are offered by Roman Catholics to the saints departed. Do they in this matter act in accordance with the ancient Catholic Church? You may decide this point when you compare the quotations that I have read to you with the following extracts from the writings of Augustine, a saint in the Roman calendar, who is deservedly esteemed both by Catholics and Roman Catholics: "Let not our religion consist in the worship of dead men, because if they lived piously they are not esteemed such as would desire that kind of honour, but would have him to be worshipped by us by whose illumination they rejoice to have us partners with them in their merit. They are therefore to be honoured for imitation, not to be worshiped for religion."†

I have thus shewn you from these portions of the Creed of Pope Pius, the authorised creed of the Roman Catholic Church, that her practice is contrary to scripture, and in direct opposition to the usage of the ancient Catholic Church. Did my strength allow me to do so, or your time permit it, I would continue the consideration of the remaining portions, and shew from them that in those also she is uncatholic and unscriptural, but at present it is impossible that this can be done. What I have been able to bring before you is, however, sufficient to establish the position that I have laid down at the commencement of this discourse, that the Church of England in holding to the Catholic creeds without addition or diminution is the Catholic Church, but that the Church of Rome through her addition of 12 articles to the Nicene Creed at the Council of Trent, has brought upon herself the anathema of the General Council of Ephesus, and has deprived herself of all right and title to be considered catholic, or orthodox or scriptural.

In conclusion, remember, my Roman Catholic friends, that the old church is true catholic and scriptural, and that the new church is false, uncatholic, and unscriptural. Exercise your judgments: you are capable of using your reason in secular affairs, why do you not use it in religious matters? Examine which is the new church, which is the old. The soul is of too much value to be lost through resting upon the word of any fellow mortal, therefore judge for yourselves: "Stand ye on the ways and see and ask for the old paths, which is the good way, and walk ye in it, and you shall find refreshment for your souls." And now to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, be ascribed, as is most due, all honour and glory, adoration and praise, world without end.—*Amen.*

* Glories of St. Joseph. From the Hymus and Prayers in Honour of St. Joseph.

† De Vera Religione, Cap. 55, Tom. 1, p. 317.