

pate had been originally committed by the apostles themselves. SS. Peter and Paul conjointly consecrated Linus Bishop of Rome, as in the present day two or three, but not one Bishop, (as occurred in the Roman Schism in America,) must be present at the consecration of a Bishop. Seniority has always a claim on our respect, and in the Church of Christ it would not be unscriptural to give the primacy of honour to an elder sister—"Prævus inter pares"—but the arrogant pretensions of Rome to a Primacy of Power, civil and ecclesiastical, and that of an arch-regal kind is contrary to the laws of God, and to the history of the Church in early times.

In the same manner that we protest against the errors of Rome so do we protest against the errors of other schismatical bodies, who discarding the evidence of all antiquity and acting in direct contradiction to all scripture rule, set up altars of their own, and take upon themselves the ministration of the Word and sacraments "heaping to themselves preachers, having itching ears," driven about by every wind of doctrine, each having a psalm or an hymn of his own composing, and dividing and separating men from the Church, preventing that holy union which should render them "of one mind." Hereafter we propose to show how the Anglo-Catholic Church has alone been the blessed means of keeping God's Word intact, while other so called churches have fallen away into still more grievous er-