

Church of Britain and Ireland, a well read man knows not where to stop. At the very moment we write we have so many ancient and modern authors around us, all testifying to the antiquity of our Church, and the consequent novelties of Popery. that we do not know which passage to take up first, and if Father Damen would only do us the honour of calling upon us, and would desire the information, we could keep him reading for two whole months—those authors, authors, ancient and modern, whose learning he dare not dispute, and from them he would learn that the religion which he calls Catholic, “always and everywhere the same,” that it was not known to the ancient church of our country which protested as strongly against the jurisdiction of the Romish foreigner, as the same Church does now, in the 19th Century.

One or two facts more may be worthy of our attention. On page 156, the same author says, “Nor did any opportunity occur in which the Clergy of the Irish Church failed to discover the same irreconcilable hostility to innovations whenever they were made on their Ecclesiastical customs.” Dagan, an Irish Bishop, who was reputed a man of great piety, and had taken an active part in the Easter controversy, on a visit to Archbishop Laurence, the successor of Augustine in the See of Canterbury, finding him hostile to the Irish