

His Spirit, and doing His work, the gates of hell shall never prevail. It is founded on the Rock.

The history of Europe demonstrates the impotency of Protestantism in contending with Popery, wherever the former has sacrificed an Apostolic organization and frittered away its strength by the multiplication of sects. I stood in Frankfort, on the door steps of the house where Martin Luther is said to have lived, and heard the mass bell tinkling in the ancient Church, across the street. It would not have been so had Germany accepted a reform of her ancient church, or had not Luther founded a sect, and so deprived his wonderful work of all claims to the character of a Reformation. It became a new construction, and lost all identity with the historical Church of Christ. Hence Rome soon possessed herself again of much ground that he seemed to have won. In England, the reformation altered nothing that could be retained with fidelity to Christ. It was the Church of England still—deprived of nothing organic or legitimate, only washed of its defilements and corruption. Hence it has remained unchanged for centuries, and still reproduces itself in new lands and under the most diverse circumstances. Its old martyr bishops of three centuries ago, could they rise from their graves, might feel themselves at home in yonder Cathedral: they would find the Prayer Book there, and would pray and preach as they did of old. One finds a great contrast in Holland and Geneva. Destroy the casket and the jewel is lost. The Church only reproduces itself, everywhere, as a branch of the True Vine. So then, while you preach Christ, be sure you cling to the Church of Christ. You must not merely convert the men of your own age, you must provide for the generations yet unborn. Be sure you can do this only by fidelity to Divine Institutions: to that Church which is reared on the foundation of apostles and prophets, JESUS CHRIST himself being the Chief Corner Stone.

Our old reformers, Latimer and Ridley, as they were bound to the stake, were comforted by the thought that they were lighting a candle which, by God's grace, should never be put out. How it would have rejoiced them to have foreseen this assembly: this our venerable and right reverend father; these reverend clergy and zealous laymen—in a word, this representation of their own dear Church, deep in what were then the wilds of America! See how faithful God has been to their prayers and their labours for Him, and what wonderful things He is doing for us, their children. Cherish, then, your inestimable privileges; renew your energies; feel your great responsibilities, and resolve to do your part as they did theirs, for the enlightenment and evangelization of the world. That candle still burns brightly and is illuminating all parts of the earth. If only we are true to our privileges and to our responsibilities, I cannot doubt but that our efforts will be blessed, and very soon "God will arise and his enemies shall be scattered;" a better day will open upon the nations: and so "the Faith once delivered to the Saints" shall become not only the inheritance of our children's children, but also the source of universal regeneration to mankind.

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