

other Churches. The church is held to be one and indivisible: and there can be no union, because the unity of the Church has never been broken. Rome is compelled to take this position, because she predicates of a visible society, made up of saints and reprobates, what is true only of the real body of Christ, the *coetus fidelium*. Cardinal Manning declares, "the Union of the Holy Ghost with the Church is not conditional, but absolute, depending upon no finite will, but upon the Divine Will alone, and therefore indissoluble to all eternity." (Temp. Mission etc., p. 73.) If the Church, which Jesus Christ founded upon a rock, is a visible corporation, made up of all sorts of men, reprobates included, it exists somewhere in tangible form. Its unity is unquestionable, and its perpetuity sure. It is the one Church of Christ. Separated religious communities are only branches broken off from the living tree. The tree retains the life, and the separated branches are withered and dead. A union of Churches is an absurdity. Individual members of separated Christian societies may be converted, and received into the fellowship of the true Church, but to imagine that the Church, which is one and indivisible in all ages, can enter into union with these separated communities, is a thought which cannot be entertained. It is easy to understand why the Roman Inquisition has forbidden Roman Catholics to pray for the re-union of Christendom. Such prayers ignore the claim, that the entire Church of Christ, to which salvation belongs, is comprised within the Papal fold. It should be noticed that this stupendous claim, which Rome desires to impose on the world, is the logical outcome of her false and earthly view of the Church.

The logic of Papal theology scouts the thought of Church union. But common sense has occasionally asserted itself even in the Church of Rome, and in spite of logic, there have been repeated attempts made by the highest ecclesiastical authority in that body, to effect a union with the Greek Church, and a basis of agreement was definitely reached at