

unto eternal life by her Sacraments. For which of these works is she to be stoned? On account of which of these shall the divinity of her mission be assailed? And if, like her Founder's, her mission be divine, divine too, like his, must be her message, whether we fully understand it or not. By what law of logic, or ethics, are we to reject all conclusions which we are unable to reason out? Being convinced of the divine mission of the Church, we are most logical in accepting her teachings. As the most bald statement of a fact is a truth, its acceptance is commanded by ethical law, or intellectual honesty. The dignity of our intelligence is best consulted, and its perfection promoted, by assenting to what we know must be a true conclusion, and by holding it firmly. Faith, therefore, simple, childlike Faith, by which one unhesitatingly accepts, and undoubtingly holds revealed truths, is the most reasonable and ennobling intellectual act. It is quite permissible to reverently seek a fuller knowledge, both of their inter-relation, and their harmony with truths of the natural order. But we should always bear in mind, that owing to the limitation of our intelligence, it is impossible, in our present state, to solve all difficulties. Right reason can demonstrate this; consequently, it proclaims that we must rest content with the full knowledge we have of certain broad facts, until freed from the bonds of the flesh, we can contemplate creation from the inside. Then will all God's ways be vindicated and the immensity of his unceasing love for us be made manifest. In the meantime he asks us to trust him; to give him the homage of our intelligence and our free will, by believing his teachings, and observing his commandments. One of his commands is "to hear the Church;" to accept her doctrine as his own—"who hears you hears me," is our Lord's own testimony to the divine