

THE ANTIQUITY

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Church of England and Ireland.

A copy of a lecture of the Rev. Father Damen, delivered last December in the City of Ottawa, was duly forwarded to us by a gentleman from the Capitol, with a request that we would give it a notice through the columns of the PATRIOT. We have read it very attentively, and feel great pleasure in acknowledging the great ability and talent of its learned and worthy author, but we trust we will be pardoned in expressing our sincere regret that they were not turned to better account than in defending the crumbling system of popery:—

The Rev. gentleman commences by giving us a beautiful definition of faith, showing most clearly the difference between what he calls divine and human faith, the former being a belief, without doubt, or hesitation, on the *alone* authority of God's Word, the latter consisting of a belief on human authority only. To this definition