

knowledge of all the truths of God. Has God given us such a means? "Why, of course," says my Protestant friend, "God has given us such a means," and so says the Catholic. Certainly God has given us such a means whereby we shall know all that He has laid down as necessary to the salvation of our own souls. What is that means? "The Bible," says our Protestant friend. "The Bible, sir; the whole Bible, that is the word of God; that is the means whereby we shall learn the truths that God has taught to save our souls." And the Catholics say, "Not the Bible, or the private interpretation of the Bible, but the Church of the living God. That Church is the teacher appointed by God to teach us all the things we have to believe." I shall prove, then, that the Bible is not the guide or the teacher of man, but that the Church established by Jesus Christ is the only teacher which God has on earth to instruct His children. If, my dear Christians, our Divine Saviour had meant that man should learn his religion from a book, why certainly He would have given that book to man. He was bound to give that book to man, if that was His intention, that man should learn his religion from a book. But Christ did not give that book to man; Christ did not give us the Bible. Christ left this earth and He never wrote a line of that Bible—*not one line*. I defy all the teachers in the world to prove that Christ has ever given us a line, or that we have received a line of it written by the hand of Christ. What, then, did our Divine Saviour do? He said to His apostles and to His disciples, "Go, ye, therefore, into the world and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," and Paul says,