

INTRODUCTION.

and who now is, as she ever has been, Catholic, Holy, and Apostolic—not Papal.

It would not be difficult to prove—indeed, scarcely anything more easy—that the Anglican Church adheres scripturally to the original constitution of the Church, while the Roman Church, under the process of development, is fast departing from all scriptural rule. Her boasted descent from St. Peter as a *nascent Pope*, is, as her great enemy, history,* shows, hollow and empty, while support is given to the Greek, Syrian, Anglican, Irish, Scotch and American churches, veritable branches of the Catholic Church, in their retention of the office of Archbishop or Primus. All that we know respecting the early history of the Roman Sec, is derived, ultimately, from Irenæus, who flourished in the second century, for Eusebius professedly gives the whole of his statement on the authority of Irenæus, and, according to him the two most glorious apostles, St. Peter and St. Paul were the co-founders of the Church of Rome, and he informs us that when they had thus jointly founded that Church, they jointly delivered the episcopate of it to Linus. With respect to either of the two co-founders ever having been himself Bishop of Rome, Irenæus is totally silent, and he also tells us that each church possessed an accurate list of her Bishops, beginning with him to whom the episcopate

* The President of France, acting under the instruction of the Chambers of the Roman Church in France, has prohibited the teaching of history in the schools.

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