

corruption, preaching the Word of God in its simplicity. At the same time She remained a true Branch of the Church of all ages, retaining the three-fold Ministry, the Liturgy, Sacraments and other **priceless possessions** of the Church Catholic.

We cannot now recount the subsequent history of the Church with all its eventful vicissitudes. Her life has been like that of a human being, not always up to the same standard but variable—sometimes weak and depressed, at others strong and vigorous. But, whether strong or weak, the Holy Spirit has always dwelt within Her, bringing the life of God into *some* contact with all members in vital connection with Her. In this Church the hands of the Lord Jesus are upraised through the ages in strengthening and blessing those who look to Him. The Church is indeed marred by many defilements, but the Fount of cleansing is ever flowing in Her midst, and one day She shall be presented to Her Lord "a glorious Church, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing." (Ephes. v. 27).

THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

After fixing our attention on the Church as a whole, we pass, in the next article of the Creed, to the relationship existing between individual members. And we are called upon to believe that there is a living connection between all God's children, whether members of His Church here, or in Paradise.

"One family we dwell in Him
One Church above, beneath."