

self of twain one new man, so making peace ; and that He might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby." And it is by the preaching of the cross, and by our acceptance of Christ as our common Saviour, trusting in, and looking unto God as our common Father, and being baptized into the faith of Christ, in the name of the Holy Trinity ; and so becoming members of the one Holy Catholic Church : that God would unite together all the various tribes of men. And by bringing us into this one faith give us a feeling of common brotherhood : all being the children of one Father : all having one main object in life : all travelling towards the one home.

How beautifully this is symbolized by the recital of the creed in our public services. When standing together in God's House and presence, we declare our belief in God the Father Almighty : that is in one God who is the Father of us all. Who is above all, and in all, and through all. And so we have one God : and one Father. And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary : that is in the incarnation of the Son of God who took upon Himself our common humanity. And that He suffered for us ; died and was buried : that is, that He paid the penalty due on account of our transgression. And that He rose again from the dead and ascended into heaven where He is our common representative, the first-fruits of the general resurrection : and where He ever liveth to make intercession for us. And in the Holy Ghost who is the sanctifier of all the elect people of God. And in the Holy Catholic Church. The one great communion of the faithful knit together in Christ Jesus :—

“ Elect from every nation
Yet one o'er all the earth ;
Their charter of salvation
One Lord, one Faith, one Birth.”

The one Catholic Church which embraces, not only all the faithful now upon earth : but also all those who have passed over and gone before, and are waiting in rest and peace for the time when our full and final salvation shall be accomplished—even the redemption of the body : when that being raised incorruptible and reunited with its companion spirit, we shall enter into the full joy of our Lord.

The one Catholic Church of which the poet sings thus :—

The saints on earth and those above
But one communion make :
Joined to their Lord in bonds of love
All of His grace partake.