

what is this?—*Tradition*. So true is it that every thing in Religion is *traditional*.

IN the next place, through what channel? Did the first Reformers witness the events narrated in Holy Writ, or even see them recorded?—Certainly not. From whom did they receive the Bible?—From the Catholic Church. Consequently then she is the regular channel of Tradition, is the sole legitimate depository of the Scriptures, and can alone prove their authenticity—and explain their meaning.

THE Founders of Protestantism rejected the *unwritten* Traditions of the Church, on the pretext that they were fabricated and false. If the Catholic Church could with impunity have executed such imposition as these on the Christian world, could she not likewise have invented the Bible itself?

SHOULD our Protestant Brethren object that the Old Testament has been also transmitted through the channel of the Synagogue; we might reply, that not a Christian in existence believes it upon this testimony. And had the Catholic Church rejected the Jewish Records as she did the Jewish Worship, not a Protestant at this day would have received them.

WITH regard to the New Testament, should our Protestant Brethren cite the Greek and Eastern churches—and alledge that it has been equally transmitted through their channel; we might rejoin that both Greeks and Orientals have separated from Catholic unity—and like the Protestants, owe their Bible to Catholic Tradition.

LUTHER himself acknowledges all this, and says “We are obliged to yield many things to the Papists—that *with them* is the Word of God, which