

quàm antiquitati toti, ipse videris. This is the right way of stating the question ; and thus the other party, even after shifting a little from his original position (as taken by his *pen*), left the vantage-ground to the cause of Episcopacy. It is this ground which is taken by Chillingworth, in his *Apostolical Institution of Episcopacy demonstrated*, and he reduces the whole argument to a syllogism. That which *fixes* the *sense* of Scripture in those passages which are favourable to our claims, and proves what was the proceeding of the Apostles, in the absence of positive institution in the Word of God, is a comparison with the early, universal, and continued practice of the Church. The case is the same as that of the sanctification of the first day of the week.

What an incalculable advantage would it be to the cause of Protestants, and what sacrifices ought ALL Protestant parties to be ready to make for the sake of gaining it, if a *comprehension* could be effected in which they would stand, as one body, occupying a ground respecting their Orders which could not be challenged by the Romanist himself, if well-informed. With respect to the Episcopal Churches, this is the fact. Witness the *Défense de la validité des Ordinations Anglicanes*, by le Père Courayer, whose grave-stone may be seen in the solemn cloisters of Westminster Abbey. Although the man was, in the end, persecuted, his proofs can never be shaken.

NOTE F. p. 27.—The following extracts from the correspondence of the late Bishop Heber, will be interesting to those to whom they may happen to be new :—

“ He too [Mar Simeon, Episcopal Commissary from the Archbishop of Shiranz], as well as Mar Abraham and the Archbishop Athanasius, expressed a desire to attend the English Church Service, and accordingly came the day on which I administered Confirmation. On the whole I cannot but hope that many good effects may arise from this approximation in courtesy of the Eastern Churches to our own ; when they find that we desire no dominion over them, they may gradually be led to imitate us.”