

5th. The continual succession of their Bishops, their immediate derivation from the Apostles.

6th. Their title to succeed, St. Peter, the supposal and pretence of his personal prerogatives, grounded upon plain scripture, and surely this can be no vain pretence.

7th. The multitude, and variety of people which are of their persuasion.

8th. Apparent consent with antiquity in many ceremonials which other churches have rejected; and a pretended, and sometimes apparent consent with some elder ages, in many matters doctrinal. Here he begins to nibble and mince the matter for fear of allowing too much, yet cannot dissemble that venerable antiquity, is apparently on the Catholic side.

9th. The great consent of one part with another, in that which most of them affirm to be of faith, the great difference commenced among their adversaries whose first Fathers and teachers from the very beginning of their pretended reformation went quite different ways, even to an utter breach of Communion, which never since could be repaired.

10th. Their happiness of being instruments in converting divers nations, whereas none of the reformed Churches have ever converted one.

11th. The piety and the austerity of their religious orders of men and women, the single life of their Priests and Bishops, the severity of their fasts, their exterior observance, all which the good natured reformation has laid aside.

12th. The great reputation of their first Bishops, for faith and sanctity, the known holiness of some of those persons whose institutes the religious persons pretend to imitate.

13th. Their miracles, true, or false, true says I, if any faith may be given to the most certain records of all Nations, and all ages, and of the promises of Christ, as quoted in St. Marks Gospel.

14th. The casualties and accidents which happened to their adversaries, I suppose he means such as Luther's death, after a plentiful supper, Zuingluis falling into Battle, defending his reformed gospel, sword in hand. Oecotampadius being found dead in his bed, oppressed as Luther will have it, by the devil, lib. de Miss. privata and sac. S. T. Wit. fol. 230. Calvins dying of a