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**VOX POPULI VOX DEI.**

The general voice is the voice of God.

Protestants maintain that no human testimony can be received as infallible; since, in the Holy Scripture, God himself declares that every man is a liar—Rom. iii. 4—that is, apt to deceive, or be deceived.

But this is spoken only of man individually; not collectively taken; not of all mankind together. Neither can it be understood as spoken of the inspired penmen who composed the Scriptures; nor yet of those all over the world, whom he has united together in his one faith revealed; and with whom he has solemnly promised that his holy spirit, the spirit of truth, should abide with them at all times, and guide them into all truth even to the end of the world; namely, his Apostles and their lawful successors, the bishops and pastors of his church.

The testimony of God, in whatever way it is delivered to us, is certainly infallible: yet Protestants will receive nothing, as his testimony, which is not in black and white; nothing but the written word: nothing but the Scripture! And why should his written word be infallible; and not his spoken word also? when spoken to us by his deputed heralds; by those whom he commands us to hear, as we would himself? LUKE x. xvi.

But, notwithstanding the Protestant's formal declaration to the contrary, there are cases in which if not in word he must in fact agree with me, that human testimony is absolutely certain, and infallible: cases, in which he himself could no more doubt its veracity, than he could that of the clearest announcement in the sacred Scriptures.

For instance, can he doubt that there ever were such men as an Alexander the Great: a Cæsar, a Pompey, a Virgil, a Horace: a Henry the Eighth, a Bonaparte, and a hundred thousand other worthies, ancient and modern, whom he has never seen: and whom he believes, and cannot help believing to have existed, merely on human testimony?

Can he doubt that there is such a country as China, as Botany Bay, as France, Spain, Italy, Mexico, and all the other places in the world; which he has never seen; concerning the existence of which he has only the vox populi, or the general testimony of mankind; and yet he believes that human testimony as firmly, as if were the vox dei; or the express testimony of God himself. Did he not: what an idiot would he not seem in the midst of his fellow creatures? And yet the Protestant will absurdly contend that we are to receive no testimony as absolutely sure and infallible, but what we find couched in black and white in the Scriptural code, or the bible. Let him only act up to that principle in common life; and see what a figure he will cut, and how awkwardly he will find himself placed in all his relationships with society.

Now all these facts and realities he admits as unquestionable only on heresy, or the general testimony of man. But what heresy, or testimony has been more general, long-lasting and uniform, than that of the Catholic, or universal Church: the

Church of all nations, and of all ages, since our Saviour's time? So that even, abstracting from all the promises which her divine founder made to her of infallibility, and durability to the end of the world: she must be considered by every rational-thinking and unprejudiced person, even as a human authority, the greatest existing in nature.

**VAN DIEMEN'S LAND.**

PROTESTANT PARAGUAY.—It appears from the V. D. Chronicle (a paper of Tory principles), that the costly scheme which for years had been carried on by the government for civilizing and Protestantising the black natives, has utterly failed, and that a new measure is to be adopted, whose only feature that we can discover is economy. On the small island in the straits, Fluder's Island, where those unhappy relics of their ancient race have been gradually dying off for the last twelve years, there are henceforward to be established—in the place of commandant, surgeon—and, alas the day! Protestant salaried chaplain—one naval surgeon superintendent and servant! The number of soldiers is to be reduced to three of convicts (pioneers of humanity!) to four, and "there is to be only one free man," besides surgeon and servant. The Christian and Godly system, it appears, was snug enough for all parties, spiritual and lay. But, "it was one of mere maintenance; they all lived and fed together; nor was any inducement held out to them to cultivate little plots of ground. In fact, they appear to have had no thought and no care, but existed in perpetual sloth!" So now chaplaincy is to cease, and the superintendent is to stimulate to agriculture, and is himself stimulated to the "moral and religious culture" of the 57 natives on the island minus eight boys, who are to be brought up like Christians, who are in the Protestant or orphan school, "and others on board of the Government vessels," manned in part with convicts be it said!

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N. DEVEREUX.

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