

3.—Kissing the Pope's toe first practised in the year 709. Worshipping images introduced into England by the priests in 763.

4.—Tithes to the Priests—a species of legalized robbery, first granted in 854.

5.—The tom-foolery of praying with the Rosary or a string of Beads, invented by the Priests, for a brutish people, A. D. 1093.

6.—The Inquisition established by the Priests in 1204, to rob and murder those who would not conform to their opinions, or submit to their power.

7.—Auricular confession invented by the Priests, A. D. 1215.

8.—Sprinkling instead of Immersion substituted as Christian Baptism in the dark ages,—namely by the decree of a Popish Council held at Ravenna in France in the year 1311: before this, except in case of sickness, immersion was universal. In Scotland sprinkling was not practiced generally until after the Reformation, or about the middle of the 16th Century. In England it was adopted still later, as may be seen from the English Church Prayer Book, which enjoins that “*the Priest shall Dip*” the subject. The Greeks, who surely understand the meaning of their own language as well, if not better, than any foreign translators, always, to this day, practice *immersion* as Christian Baptism—never sprinkling.—The very general departure from apostolic usage, which was the immersion only of Christian believers;—and the substituting in its place of the Popish ceremony of sprinkling unconscious infants, forms the grand Key-Stone in the great Arch of Sectarian division and Priestcraft.—Abolish the Popish custom and sectarianism and priestcraft will naturally die.—Christ requires that his subjects shall in all cases, understand and believe the Gospel before they submit to Baptism or any other scriptural rite.

9.—Popery abolished in England by law in 1536: revived in 1846 by the Puseyites.

DISAPPEARANCE OF FIXED STARS.

More than thirteen stars, it is said, have disappeared within the last two centuries. One of these presented such a brilliant appearance for about sixteen months as to be visible to the naked eye at mid-day. La Place, the astronomer, supposed it was burning up, as it has never been seen since. Our own world—a very small star in the heavens—hastens on to its burning destiny every day.—“The heavens and the earth which are now (by the word of God) are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.”—(2 Peter, III. 7.) Reader! are you daily preparing for the solemn scenes of the last judgment? Are you submitting your heart daily to the light of God's word? Are you obeying the commands of Christ, who is now *your Saviour*, and will at last be *your Judge*? Eternal happiness or loss depends upon the character you form in this world? To be like Jesus is to be like God: to be holy is to be happy, whether in life, at death, or in eternity.