

ther Damen's Romish Religion—"always and everywhere the same!!" No doubt the Rev. gentleman never studied the subject in his life, notwithstanding he piously asked to be struck dead in his pulpit if he was teaching a false religion. The Pope has long since offered up a similar prayer for every one of us Catholics; for being inflexible he feels convinced we are not teaching the true religion, although he well knows, what perhaps Father Damen does not know that we are teaching the ancient religion, as is proven by the testimony of the best men that ever lived.

About the latter end of the 6th Century Columbanus, a native of Ireland, with twelve companions, emigrated to France, and founded for himself and followers the Monastery or College of Luxeuil, in a thick part of the forest, at the foot of the Vosges, to which was added that of Foutaines. In this retreat, notwithstanding that the Roman custom was observed among those by whom he was surrounded, he continued to celebrate the paschal festival according to the custom of his fathers. This dissent from the usages of the neighbouring clergy could not fail to bring upon him the censure of the Gaelic Ecclesiastics, and they complained to Gregory the Great of the schismatical conduct of this famous Hibernian. Several Councils were therefore