

the tables that he may run that readeth." While He that liveth and was dead and is alive for evermore commanded in the summing up of the Christian Revelation, Rev. i 11. "What thou seest write in a book." Rev. xiv 13; xix 9; xxi 5.

The ancient Church was as strongly in favour of the people indiscriminately reading God's word as the Church of the present day; and as Father Damen and his sect profess great respect for antiquity, they will perhaps listen to the Fathers. The commandment of God to "Search the Scriptures" is quite sufficient in itself, and needs no human authority to strengthen it; so that we only introduce the Fathers, as faithful witnesses that the Church in their day was not Romish, but just the same in every respect, as the Holy Church of the present day.

St. Epiphanius says, "All things are clear and plain, and nothing contradictory in scripture."

St. Basil saith, "Those things which seem doubtfully and obscurely spoken in some places of the scripture are expounded by those which, in other places are open and plain." Luther and Cranmer could say no more! St. Austin saith, "There is no great hardness in the scriptures, to come to those things which are necessary to salvation." Again, Austin saith, "In the Holy Scriptures are found all those things