

organized attempt on the part of a rapidly increasing body of priests and laymen to bring our *Church and country* up to the full standard of catholic faith and practice, and eventually to plead for her union with the Church of Rome."

Again we see their determination. They say, "If we were to leave the Church of England, she would be simply lost to Catholicism. Depend upon it, it is only through the English Church itself that England can be Catholicised. In twenty years hence Catholicism will have so leavened our Church that she herself, *in her corporate capacity*, will be able to come to the Church of Rome, and say, Let the hands which have been parted these three hundred years be once more joined."

That astute prelate, Cardinal Manning, wrote thus of England: "It is the head and front of Protestantism, the centre of all its movements, and the stronghold of its powers; weakened in England, it is paralyzed everywhere; conquered in England, it is conquered throughout the world; once overthrown here, the rest is but a warfare of detail; England once restored to the faith, becomes the Evangelist of the world." But this man may yet, somewhat after the manner of Wolsey, his brother cardinal of long ago, cry out in the midst of shattered hope, "Had I but served my God with half the zeal I served my Church, he would not in mine age have left me naked to mine enemies." For, mark you, the Romanists may win England's Church, but never England's heart. Too long that heart has pulsed with the blood of Protestant liberty, and there will come a day when the gilded fetters will gall, and Rome has no forge that can make binding shackles for the Saxon race when nationally roused, and when that day comes *ROME DIES ecclesiastically to British soil. But, in the days between*, our fathers' faith must be preserved, and that is the mission of the Reformed Episcopal Church, the seven thousand that will not bow the knee to Baal. We have discarded the doctrine of the bodily presence of Christ in the Lord's Supper, but the Ritualists accept the words literally, which are in the Communion service of the Book of Common Prayer, reading as follows:

"Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood, that our sinful