

of the English Sovereigns, it has always been "The Church of England," which they have sworn to uphold. And so we see in the various early general Councils "*Ecclesia Constantinopolitana*," "*Ecclesia Alexandrina*," "*Ecclesia Antiochena*," are spoken of, all being so many several branches of the one "*Ecclesia Catholica*"; which was never in those days imagined to be simply identical with "*Ecclesia Romana*," but *that* was in itself a portion of the whole. No doubt there ought to be no schism in the existing Catholic body; nor any innovations upon "the faith once (for all) delivered to the Saints;" but if it be a question, whether we are *eadem sentire cum Apostolis*, or with the Bishop of Rome for the time being, there should be no hesitation to which the preference is to be given.

The figment, however, of Rome, as the only and sole representative of present Catholicity, seems to have overwhelmed Dr. Newman's imagination, and secured his sympathies. It was ever present to his mind; and the only alternative he saw was what he felt to be the present isolation of the Anglican Church. But whatever might have been the position forced upon the Anglican Church, for a time, by the necessity of bearing witness for the truth, as against Rome, yet her isolation never separated her for an instant from the Catholic body of Christ. Her consentient witness with all antiquity has never ceased; and her present actual Catholicity has been daily made more and more manifest. Whereas the divergence of the Church of Rome from antiquity, has been on the increase continually; the position of her present Catholicity remaining not essentially altered. After the first violent struggle for freedom from usurpation, and for truth, the Anglican Church was for a time confined, as it has been said "*intra quatuor maria*." But nevertheless even as far back as 1840, Dr. Newman himself could say of her:—

"Look across the Atlantic to the daughter Churches of England in the States; shall she that is barren bear a child in her old age? "yet the barren hath borne seven." Schismatic branches put out their leaves at once in an expiring effort; our Church has waited three centuries, and then blossoms, like Aaron's rod, budding and blooming and yielding fruit, while the rest are dry. And lastly, look at the present position of the Church at home; there, too, we shall find a note of the true city of God, the Holy Jerusalem. She is in warfare with the