

they are, by the same principle, in all nascent churches ; 1640. and the power of casting out evil spirits, granted, not to the first preachers of the gospel alone, but to the faithful, Objections and which forms part of the deposit intrusted to the Church for all times, presupposes the empire of the evil spirits over all who have not received the sacred character imprinted on us by the sacrament of regeneration.

3d. That of all nations in the world, there is none for which the kingdom of heaven is not open (Matt. xxviii. 18), nor to which the apostles and their successors were not expressly enjoined to announce the gospel—"Teach ye all nations;" and that to attempt to exclude a single one from the benefit of redemption and the treasures of heaven which it contains, would be to gainsay the whole Bible, which speaks in the most formal terms on the point.

They may say, then, what they list to dim the glory of the apostles of the New World, but they cannot deny that they are of those to whom our Lord has said, "Go, teach all nations." If they did not receive their mission immediately from Him, they received it from those who had authority to give it ; and, intrusted with an important part of the work, could rely on the same aid, and be assured of the same assistance from Him who promised to be with those sent to preach His law, to the end of time. Nay, more. The august ministry with which they were honored would naturally form in our minds this preconceived idea, that they were in general what they should have been ; and all that we relate of their heroic virtues—of what they did and suffered in the exercise of the ministry—is so probable, that we might be surprised if they were not such men. Only those who venture to assert that, in spite of our Saviour's promise, the gates of hell have prevailed against the Church, can refuse to acknowledge that she has still, and will have to the end, apostles, martyrs, saints, in all conditions and countries to which her sway extends, and that the power of miracles will never fail her.