

tion Bishops and people claimed equal right with the Pope to govern church affairs; no new Church was formed; but a true branch of the Catholic Body was freed from a domination which its members were not willing any longer to allow. Usages of worship were then decreed; Holy days were lessened, and only those retained which have reference to our Lord, His Blessed mother, Angelic ministrations, and the Church herself in the Festival of All Saints; Sunday the week's first day had been appointed in the earliest time of the Christian dispensation; the Apostles, having all power given unto them, gave up the Jewish Sabbath; and their successors the Bishops used their transmitted authority in appointing such other holy seasons as we in these late days enjoy the privilege of with large profit. The rulers of the British branch of the Catholic Church, acting on her rights, by the Spirit of wisdom, chose out from a mass of presumed valuables, what is acknowledged by all even those who are termed Dissenters, as well as ourselves, the treasure of the Divine Word; and we recognize the right of those to whom such wisdom was given, to appoint days for holy observance; and in consequence attend to our religious duties, profitably we trust, as these come round. We may not appoint other days and omit notice of these; as dutiful children of our Lord and His Spouse, we discern the voice of the Spirit in the command given us to observe the days and seasons commemorative of events connected with the accomplishment of the world's salvation; and believe that a special blessing comes through due attention to the Fasts and Festivals of the Christian year.

THE MONTH IN PROSPECT, JUNE.

1st. Whit Sunday.—This glorious festival, commemorating the descent of the Holy Ghost with miraculous manifestations, cannot be regarded with indifference by any Churchman. The event to which it has reference was not an isolated one; a continuous flow of richest blessings upon the Church has been experienced in all ages since the Apostolic period; and we, if faithful, and found assembling for the breaking of bread, will receive outpourings of grace, making our works to shine as the sun, and our speech to distil as the dew, to the glory and praise of Him who hath redeemed, called and sanctified us. Three days are appointed for special consideration of the marvellous gift of the Holy Ghost. The congregation of St. Luke's have abundant aids to contemplation in daily morning and evening prayer, and we trust the Whitsun week will see a large number in attendance on the appropriate services.

8th. Trinity Sunday.—This great Festival, that which comes latest of the High Festivals in the Christian Year, is the fitting termination of the exercises we have been called to by our mother the Church. Year after year are we informed of our pedigree, relationships, and expectations as Christians; we wait like children by her side, and listen to her utterances as she in winning and guiding counsel and instruction tells us things to which humanity would be a stranger without her teaching. Blest we, who can with right intelligence, and with hearts warmed by grateful love, contemplate the Godhead in all the infinity of Perfections employed in and with us, accomplishing our salvation, and making us one with Divin-