

that his friends did their best to turn the preaching of the Evangelist Moody in his last visit to England to account; but after a short time, it was found to have left no permanent traces to speak of.

ANGLICAN ORDERS.

Two years ago, an Anglican priest applied to the Russian Church for Holy Orders, on the ground that he had doubts of the validity of his Anglican Orders. The question was referred to a committee of bishops and theologians, who reported against the application. The Ecclesiastical Academy of St. Petersburg has also decided in favor of the validity of Anglican Orders.

It was formerly one of the principal arguments of the Church of Rome against the Anglican Church that her Orders were rejected as spurious by not only herself, but the Russian and Greek Churches. Now, we find that both of these latter ancient branches of the Church Catholic recognise the validity of Anglican Orders whilst rejecting those of Rome. Thus, as an English paper says, "the whirligig of time brings in its revenges."

CONFIRMATION.

Few events in the routine of parochial life and labor are more interesting in themselves, or fraught with consequences more important to the individual concerned, or to the Church generally, than Confirmation. It is the point where the care and training of the parish culminates in the public profession of faith and the assuming of personal responsibilities on the part of those who are to be received to the com-

munion of the Church. This previous training under God has been committed to parents and the family, and to the Church with its ministry; and it is for the pastor in his capacity as the shepherd and guardian of his flock, to bestow unwonted pains upon those whom he presents for this holy Rite. The Church assumes that those who are confirmed are ready to come to the Holy Communion.

In view of the solemnities which gather around a Confirmation service, and of the lasting consequences which result from it, too much care cannot be bestowed by pastor and parents upon the proper training of those who are thus to become members of the Church by their own act and profession. No friend of the young would willingly hold them back from any spiritual benefits—and certainly Confirmation, when rightfully received, brings many benefits and blessings—nor would such friend be a party to hurrying them on unprepared to understand and meet the responsibilities thus assumed. Nothing can do a deeper injury to the individual than to be pressed on to make a public profession of what he does not know and feel; and nothing so weakens the Church of Christ as the increase of its membership by inexperienced and worldly persons. They become stumbling-blocks in the way of others, and bring dishonor upon the Church. One reason, no doubt, why skepticism and indifference are so prevalent is to be found in the fact that so many who make profession or religion do not fulfil their baptismal vows by "renouncing the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all its covetous desires of the same,