

down to meet and cheer and bless, and feed with "meat indeed and drink indeed,"—even with *Himself* in a heavenly manner His loving faithful disciples. All this reverent, in contrast with superstitious, attention is surely due to these "Holy Mysteries" which present to Almighty God the memorial of the one all-sufficient "Sacrifice of the death of Christ,"—the memorial instituted by Himself, and continually pleading the merits of a dying, risen, glorified and now ever-living Saviour on behalf of His sin-stained brethren of earth. More than this I have never desired. Less than this I dare not attempt as a faithful officer of the Church of England.

And now let me ask what has been the practical result of the teaching you have here received? In one respect, I believe nothing could be more satisfactory. I regret that I have not had the time to make out a comparative statement of the annual communicants during all the years of our parochial existence. But we may take the *ten Easter Communions*, and no clergyman need desire a more gratifying proof of the increasing Christian faith of his congregation than the advance made in the number of those here communicating in proportion to the congregation. In 1866 there were 91 Easter Communicants: in 1867, 100. From 1868 to 1874 there were some fluctuations (chiefly owing to very severe weather) the number in 1874 being 157, but this last Easter (1875) there were 210 communicants, out of this comparatively small congregation of say 350 or 400 persons of all ages. The *daily Morning and Evening Prayer* has never lacked devout worshippers. Our *weekly Morning and fortnightly Noon celebration* of the Holy Eucharist are both well attended. The *Choir* is efficiently maintained and adequately supported by an Organist and staff of voluntary friends, with no expense whatever to the congregation. The same can be said of our Sunday School which is altogether self-supporting. Our *Women's Guild*, working for the church-completion has now \$650 in hand as the result of two winters' work, having had in membership 70 of the best women of the congregation, all cultivating what is so much needed, a spirit of sisterly concord and good will among the various social classes. Our *Church-Missionary Guild*, recently started, has