

"But the Churches *are* the Clergyman's, because people stay away if they don't like him. Mr. Dash's Church is nearly empty, because he preaches such long sermons, he must feel angry with his people."

"Pray remember that we Parsons are not judges, it is a small matter to us personally who comes to Church and who stays away, but, believe me, it will not be a small matter to those who *do* stay away, when they come before GOD as their Judge; these petty likes and dislikes will avail nothing then. Each of us has a place in Church by *right*, for we are made 'children of God' in our Baptism, and if our places in our Father's house on earth are empty, so will our places in our Father's heavenly abode be empty. Think of this, and remember that your Church is your own personal property that no one can take from you: you can only lose the right of it by offending the Master of it, but that is not I, or any other of God's priests, but God Himself; then I think when our next Festival comes round, you will offer the best you have without expecting *earthly* thanks."

So saying, Mr. Stanley kindly bid them good morning. Before next Eastertide seven members of the congregation, including Lottie and Ethel, had formed themselves into a Guild for the purpose of keeping their Church clean and in good order, and there were no more complaints of dust on Sunday dresses. The embroidery work always looked like new, the brass work was always bright, the flowers of the freshest, and tiled pavements spotlessly clean.

— *Church Bells.*

The will, and not the feelings, is the real test of faithfulness to God.

HOLY ORDERS.

The Rev. Dr. Thomas S. Childs, of Washington, who has lately applied for Holy Orders, gives as among his reasons for leaving the Presbyterians: "There are two tendencies in the Presbyterian Church, one towards disintegration, and one towards unity. This tendency towards disintegration is that which produced the wide differences of opinion. I find in the Episcopal Church a doctrinal faith in substantial harmony with our own. I find a communion of saints, in which I see the experiences of the past and have a pledge of the still wider communion of the future. I hold as satisfactory the basis of the Christian union proposed by the House of Bishops of the American Episcopal Church, and revised by the Lambeth Conference. The first three terms, the Scripture, the Creeds, and the Sacraments, could hardly cause serious discussion among Protestants. All accept them. We are unable to see why there should be any more difficulties with the Historic Episcopate. Calvin admitted it: the best historic scholarship of our age, the House of Bishops, made their deliverance intelligently and honestly. They do not ask us to accept any particular theory of the episcopate. They ask us to accept the fact; and there is the fact, whether we accept it or not. We are unable to see a simpler basis of union than this."

Bill Nye says: The peculiar characteristic of classical music is that it is really much better than it sounds. (Herein it differs from some professing Christians.)