

these gifts to us in His own way, the way which He Himself has chosen. That is, He gives them through the ministers of His Church. He might have given the gifts in other ways, if it had so pleased Him but it has not, that is not, perhaps, the religion which you would have invented, if it had fallen to your lot to make a religion. Fortunately, this is not your business. Your business is (is it not?) to avail yourself gratefully of those blessings which the LORD won for you by becoming Man and dying on the Cross. You are a poor sinner, afflicted with a worse leprosy than Naaman's,—the leprosy of sin. Surely, you will not "go away in a rage," because the way of salvation is laid down for you, and you cannot make a new way for yourself. "If the Prophet had bid thee to do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? How much more then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?" You believe that the Lord is perfect Love. Believe also that He is perfect Wisdom. The way which He has chosen for you, the way of the Holy Church, is not merely the only safe way. It is also the best possible way. Say to Him, "LORD, I will follow Thee whithersoever Thou goest. Thou knowest that I love Thee. Thou only hast the words of everlasting life."

Thy way, not mine, O LORD,  
However dark it be;  
Lead me by Thine Own Hand,  
Choose out the path for me.

The Kingdom that I seek  
Is Thine; so let the way  
That leads to it be Thine.  
Else I must surely stray.

Look upon the bright side of your condition, then your discontents will disperse. Pore not upon your losses but recount your mercies.—*Watson.*

## TEACH ABOUT THE CHURCH.

*The Church Sunday School Magazine* (C E S. S. I.) for March, says:

A Sunday school teacher describes, in the following extract from a letter, a state of things which we fondly hoped could no longer exist amongst our Church Sunday schools:

"On the strength of having been a subscriber to the Sunday School Institute for many years, though now unfortunately no longer so, I write to ask if the Institute can recommend me a good sensible work on the real tenets of the Church of England—explained, and reasons for belonging to the Church, etc. It is for a young man in this parish, where our worthy Vicar has for many years preached against the errors of Ritualism, without ever giving his people a single good word for The Church itself. Hence the young people on leaving this parish go over wholesale to Dissent, mostly to the Plymouth Brethren, and I find that hardly any of the choir boys have been baptized, though attending the Church Sunday school from infancy. The Church Catechism is not allowed to be taught, and most of the teachers are Baptists.

"I find these boys intelligent lads, very ready to learn, and several of them have asked me to commence an evening class for them. This is an appeal I cannot resist, and I should like a book to LEND, if possible, to one of these lads, who, I fear, will leave the Church definitely very soon if I cannot find something suitable to induce him at least to wait."

Our correspondent here directs attention to a matter which Churchmen of all shades of opinion must consider most unsatisfactory. We believe that it will be found that the mere denunciation of error is not