

forward to the 'onetrue sacrifice,' so our Christian sacrifice looks *back*. On every altar this memorial is offered 'till He come.' Is it not fitting, then, that the altar should be raised high, that Christians should salute it in honour of their Lord, and that it should be made more beautiful than anything else in the church?

Every part of a church has its own meaning, and all meanings are gathered up, so to speak, round the Holy Table.—*Mary Bell.*

THE PIONEER CHURCH.

"As by the royal letter of instructions given to the early colonists, the religion and polity of the Church of England were distinctly established, and as religious services were held, and a sermon preached on the day of the debarkation of the colonists at Kennebec, by their chaplain, who also officiated during the time the colony remained, it is certain that on the shores of Atkins' Bay, the hallowed strains of England's ritual were heard at no infrequent intervals during the autumn of 1607 and the succeeding winter. And these are the first instances of the use of the liturgy and the performance of the rites of the Episcopal Church in any part of the present United States, north of Virginia. And not only so,—this was THE FIRST PROTESTANT WORSHIP AND PREACHING, BY AN ORDAINED MINISTER, IN ANY PORTION OF THIS VAST TERRITORY."—*Frontier Missionary.*

Irish Churchmen have voluntarily contributed £170,000 5s. for Church purposes during last year, being an increase of £22,343 6s. 8d. as compared with the previous year.

A CHRISTIAN'S REVENGE.

In the seventeenth century a Turkish grandee in Hungary made a Christian nobleman his prisoner. He treated him with the greatest barbarity. The slave—for such this cruel master made him—was yoked with an ox, and obliged to drag the plough.

But the tide of war took another turn, and the Turk was captured by some Hungarians, who freed their fellow-countryman, and said to him, 'Now take your revenge upon your enemy.'

The Turkish prisoner, thinking he could not expect anything less horrible than to be tormented to death by one whose life he had made one long agony, swallowed hastily some poison that he had about him, hoping thus to die an easier death.

But the Christian 'had not so earned Christ.' He sent a messenger to his former master, bidding him go in peace, for he had nothing to fear. The unhappy Mahomedan was so amazed at this heavenly kindness, that he cried with his dying breath, 'I will not die a Moslem, but a Christian; for there is no religion but that of Christ, which teaches the forgiveness of injuries.'

The following words of the late Prof. Henry B. Smith are worth remembering: One thing is certain, that Infidel Science will rout everything excepting thorough-going Christian Orthodoxy. All the flabby theories, and the moluscuous formations, and the intermediate purgatories of speculation will go by the board. The fight will be between a stiff, thorough-going Orthodoxy, and a stiff, thorough-going Infidelity."