

less difficult than he could have deemed possible, sought peace for himself, his family, his chaplain, and his tenants, in the unity of that true fold from which, as he came to recognize, his ancestors and theirs had strayed. That is, his wife, his children, and his chaplain, and most of his tenants, followed him into the Church, to which, not knowing her aright, they had yet been, unwittingly so loyal. Which submission ended effectually and finally, the controversy about "status" of Ditchley chapel, as a "parish church" or otherwise. The Squire made it over to the Catholic Bishop of Weston, who appointed a chaplain to serve it until the ex-Anglican chaplain, having studied in Rome, and been made, in truth, the priest he had always been at heart, and in the purity, piety and devotedness of his life, should be ready to resume his much-loved duties under happier auspices.

The "ornaments," as you may imagine, were not "renewed" at the end of the specified three months. Instead, they were duly and rightly dedicated to the holy uses they had always been meant to serve; which, as a matter-of-fact, and as far as was possible, under the circumstances, they had served hitherto.

Then, indeed, the King came to his own again. Jesuits and Benedictines, Carthusians and Carmelites, Dominicans, Franciscans, and many more, were among those assembled to do Him the honor and reverence that befitted His restoration. They bore Him round the lovely grounds, which, decked in their summer garb, seemed fain to rejoice in their Maker's joy, to the sound of the "Lauda Sion," and of the Psalm "In convertendo Dominus." (1) The Bishop sang Mass for the first time since Mary's reign, three hundred years ago and more, and the Most Holy held His Court that day in Ditchley chapel, while men and women, children, priests and nuns, brought to the Lord who had come to His own again "the honor due unto His Name," and worshipped Him, then and for all time, as once their fathers did, "with a holy worship."

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(1) "When the Lord turned the captivity of Sion."