

## Committed to his Charge

purely evangelical type, one who would let the stone crosses, intended for the last ornamentation of the church, remain in the cellar where they had been thrust ignominiously by the Building Committee thirty years before, stones which proved that they could do what rolling ones proverbially cannot. These crosses were so ornate, so disguised, that it almost would have been necessary to label them; but ornamentation did not signify to those members who had determined in years gone by to be true till death to their purely Protestant principles. The members still lived and they still protested.

Their chosen man seemed eligible; apart from his views, which, upon hearsay, Miss Sweeting feared were narrow, he had merit in being a bachelor. It was upon him her casting vote should be given. Not that the Parish of Slowford was advanced enough to wish that its women had votes in the vestry, far from it. The Women's Guild provided everything as it was required, or bidden, from a school-house or a Sunday-school teacher to a penwiper for a warden; it was the channel through which flowed that golden stream that came from mite collection, bazaar, concert or lecture funds; but