

terwards acknowledged or enforced in Britain, but his yoke was ignored at the Reformation, and no doubt will be until the end of time, though some weak people live in continual dread of Papal sway.

27th. — *Venerable Bede.* — This learned and religious recluse was born at Yarrow, in Northumberland, England, where his knowledge and piety gained for him the title of Venerable; but the common legend is, that an angel's hand inscribed the epithet Venerable on the stone which marked the resting place of his remains

29th. — *King Charles 2nd, Nativity and Restoration.* — Until within a few years, "King Charlie's day" was observed as a public holiday throughout the British Dominions: Royal salutes were fired, flags were displayed, school boys rejoiced in the freedom from the birching which was more in vogue then than now, and the church bells summoned the people to solemn service, where they, through their Priests, gave utterance to thanks for the deliverance of the Nation from the miseries and tyranny of Puritan Fanaticism, and for the Restoration of the Royal Family, and of the Apostolic Church with its Divinely instituted Ministry and Holy Sacraments.

Although the special public Church Service has been laid aside, yet we believe that thankfulness for restoration and continuance of England's Monarchy, under which we are living proudly and happily, is not wanting among us; and hope, that the nominal freedom of Republicanism, will never lure our people from their dutiful allegiance to our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, who we know will at all times,

"defend our laws;
And ever give us cause,
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the Queen." *

OUR EASTER-TIDE.

The forty days of penitence and self-denial is past, and having followed our dear Lord and Saviour through all the stages of His bitter Passion, and chanted the dirge of the cross—

"Jesus Christ is Crucified!"

We now are passing the forty days of triumph, and commemorating His return to life and all the blessings of His resurrection. Although Easter day dawned upon cloudy skies, the gloom of the world made no impression upon the Church, where all was bright and joyful; the chancel of our cathedral never was more beautifully decorated, both by art and nature, the whole reared being of chaste and elaborate straw work, which in the sunlight by day and the gas-light by night had all the appearance of burnished gold, only to be excelled by a profusion of the choicest flowers, which gave glory and beauty to the work of loving hands. The floral cross and crown over the altar and the adornment of the Font were exquisitely wrought by an earnest church woman, who although only tarrying with us for a season, has been a constant and exemplary fellow worker with us in the Parish.

But, better than all this, is the spiritual life developed in the worshippers of the cathedral; notwithstanding the cold and rain, with which the day was ushered in, there were 133 communicants at the early, and 140 at the later celebration. Nearly the whole of the young Christians recently confirmed made their first communion, surrounded by the atmosphere of prayer, and the hearty desires of their friends and fellow worshippers that they might continue steadfast in the faith, and "show out of a good conversation their works with meekness and wisdom."