

Reverence in Church.

A very remarkable deliverance is made in the first number of an English Magazine called the *Corentry Nonconformist*. The writer says: "A comparison is often made between the reverence manifested in the Church of England and that shown in Nonconformist Churches. The comparison is not edifying; honestly we must admit that it is to our conspicuous disadvantage. Do you ever see the collection counted on the Communion Table of the Church of England? Nonconformity has been known to do it. Does the Church walk up the aisle with its hat on? Nonconformity frequently does, and the hats Nonconformity wears are not renowned for being picturesque. Does the Church reserve all its gossip until ten minutes before or two minutes after the Service? Nonconformity can scarcely wait for the "Amen" of the Benediction. No sooner has the last syllable been pronounced when feet are shuffled, hats are dived for, umbrellas are rattled, curtains are flung back, doors are banged and the whole place becomes a miniature Bedlam. We have often found that 'sweetly solemn hush' at the close of the Service in the Church to be one of the most impressive moments of the whole hour of worship. There can be no real worship without reverence. Nonconformity is too fussy. If we were not too strongly possessed with the devil of intolerance we might well learn a lesson from the decency and order and solemn appreciation of time and place which characterize the worship of the Church of England."

This passage is a veritable "sign of the times." But are not some of these Lessons needed in some of the Churches of our own Diocese? We fear they are, and we ask those, who see room for improvement in their own Church, to try to obtain it by setting an example.

IN MEMORIAM.

Entered into rest on the morning of the 23rd August, at Roslin, the residence of her brother, Col. J. Bell Forsyth, Annie Bell Forsyth, in her 56th year.

Miss Forsyth was the youngest daughter of the late James Bell Forsyth, one of the original founders of the Church Soci-

ety, and from the first a member of the Synod of the Diocese, well known among other things for the prominent part he ever took in the work of these important bodies. In the unceasing interest and active participation in many branches of Church work Miss Forsyth manifested a kindred spirit with her father. Whether as a member of the Ladies' Committee of the Finlay Asylum or Female Orphan Asylum; whether as a member of the Women's Auxiliary Association in her own Parish, of which she was for many years Treasurer—or of the Diocesan Branch, or as a member of the Church Helpers' Association; whether as a member of the Choir, or as Treasurer of the Clothing Fund of St. Michael's Church; or whether as furthering and encouraging many occasional special efforts in aid of some good work, her assistance was always cheerfully and efficiently rendered. She did her work thoroughly and gave herself to it unsparingly. Bright and cheerful in manner, with ready sympathy flowing out to all around her, sincere in word and deed, free from all pretence or ostentation, with an unaffected respect for what was honest and true, yet charitably patient of infirmities, Miss Forsyth's life was an influence for good which ought not to pass away for a long time. In her removal to a better world the Parish of St. Michael's has sustained a great loss whilst sorrow has fallen upon the hearts of many relatives and friends. Our heartfelt sympathy is with them and our earnest prayer is that He, who was touched with every feeling of our nature, may comfort them in their affliction.

Unity without Uniformity.

The Bishop of Ripon during his triennial visitation of the Clergy in his diocese this year dwelt at some length on the reunion of Christendom. The reunion, he said, would not be on the basis of uniformity. It would be union in var-