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At the last meeting of Branch No. 4, the following resolution, moved by Bro. Thos. Coffey, and seconded by Bro. P. Cook, was carried unanimously :.

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God, in His wise decrees, to remove from our midst our late brother, Thomas White; therefore

Resolved, that, while bowing to the will of an all-wise Providence, we mourn the loss of our respected brother, whose kind all with whom he came in contact;

Resolved, that by his death this Association sustains the loss of one of its most honorable and worthy members, the church an active and steadfast supporter, his wife a kind and affectionate husband Resolved, that we tender to the bereaved wife of our deceased brother the heartfelt

sympathy of this Association. Resolved, that the foregoing resolutions be placed on the minutes of the Association; that a copy be presented to the wife of the deceased, and also published in official organ of the C. M. B. A., the CATHOLIC RECORD.

#### A CRUSHING REPLY.

A PROTESTANT REFUTES PROTESTANT CAL-UMNIES.

"We publish this week what we may perhaps best describe as a 'smashing' letter from the Rev. Frederick George Lee, D. D., Vicar of All Saints', Lambeth. Dr. Lee, of course, writes from his own standpoint, and there are one or two incidental remarks as to which we are likely to remain in permanent disagreement with him, but nothing could well be more effective than his brilliant and trenchant exposure of the reckless carelessness and slovenly scholarship of the man who, with a light heart, has set himself to 'criticise the saints, correct the Popes, and snub the Cardinals.' Indeed our readers may even be a little curious to know what is left of Plain Reasons, when they learn that for its 200 pages Dr. Littledale has already had to make 201 retractions, and that its latest edition contains a Preface with 'no less than 13,340 words of errata.' This signal discomfiture of Dr. Littledale we trust may prove a lesson and a warning to other rash assailants of the Church of God."-London Tablet. Below we give the letter referred to:

AN ANGLICAN ON ANGLICAN CONTROVERSY. Sir-Certain generous and wise words which you published on November 4th, 1882, lead me to trouble you with this letter, and to ask you to favor me by printing it.

ENGLAND'S MOST IMMINENT DANGER.
Your words stood thus: "Anything which tends to weaken the influence of the Church of England as a teacher of those religious truths which she, however imperfectly, holds and proclaims, appears to us to be matter of regret, as so much gain to the cause of secularity and unbelief." Even from your point of view, in a certain sense, the scaffold-ing and organization of the Established Church, including more particularly baptism and marriage, is after the ancient type, and is inherently Christian. It has lost much, I know, and its needs are numerous; our ancestors were be-trayed, robbed, hoodwinked, persecuted and defrauded by the Tudors, and, as a consequence, religion itself, and England as a nation, have grievously suffered. Whether, in the future, the national church, after disestablishment and disendowment, will break up, remains to be seen. If it does, our beloved country will be far on the way to reverting to paganism. And atheism subsequently may become very powerful, if not dominant, to our great woe and loss, for all

WHAT DR. LEE WISHES TO SEE ACCOM-PLISHED.

Surely, therefore, to maintain and mend the Church of England without break-ing it up, to regain what has been lost, to restore it to visible corporate communion with the Holy See (as did Cardinal Pole under Queen Mary) and not to destroy it, seems to me the right and proper policy to adopt. I see nothing wrong in such a programme and plan, but everything that is wise and good, righteous and true. This being so, and having been so with myself for more than thirty years, I rejoiced when I read your politic, sensible, and kindly-expressed words, and often read them

A GOOD WORD FOR THE TRACTARIAN

MOVEMENT. Everything that tends to remove the dark shadow of polemical misrepresentation from the minds of patriotic Englishmen seems to me distinct advantage to the country. The Tractarian movement not only began this good work, but steadily carried it on for years. In the various restorations effected, malignant, long-cherished prejudices have been laid to rest, mistakes admitted, history rewritten, old truths regained, zeal and self-denial brought to the forefront. In most of our ancient Cathedrals, where the Abomination of Desolation was set up by the Poynets, Ridleys, Bales and Aylmers of old, such beneficent restora-tions have been effected as that Mass

astrous, and certainly not from above. It is because I feel very keenly that the recent pitiable policy of the Ritualists in matters controversial—so greatly at variance with that of forty years agois both dangerous and disastrous; and that in several particulars this movement, instead of being con structive, is now actually de-structive, that I venture to assure you that a large portion of the English clergy—many of them retiring, uncontroversial, and peace-loving-have no sympathy whatsoever with the blatant and boisterous noise of mere professional controversialists, who, with arrogance and art, but with no responsibility, are doing their best to render future peace and unity, humanly speaking, impossible. No publication with which I am acquainted has been more disastrous in its aim and consequences than Plain Reasons, published by the Society for the Promotion of Christian and Christian character endeared him to Knowledge. More than 35,000 copies have been sold, and its readers, of course, have been numerous. Its success as a literary speculation is one of the darkest signs of the times. Had we a body of clergy with a sound theological education, such a publication must have teen met first only with a chilling welcome from those being duped, and then with a howl of execration. I will not directly say more than that having carefully examined it in conjunction with others—the first edition was the last—we have found it to be mercilessly unfair, and altogether untrustworthy. I would that we could regard its compiler as unintentionally misled and mistaken. The book will very possibly destroy the faith of many.

DR. LITTLEDALE'S "CORRECTIONS." Now I here ask you, sir, to note that, independent of eighteen separate apologetic letters sent from time to time from 1880 to 1885,) to the Guardian and Church Times, each containing certain retractations, emendations, and corrections of mistakes which had been pointed out, the author, in a new edition of his book, published in 1881, prefixed no less than twenty-nine pages of closely printed "additions and corrections" (mainly the latter), each page containing forty six lines, and each line about ten words; thus making no less than 13,340 words of errata—a somewhat unprecedented and startling literary performance, and a remarkable example of original slip-slop and random accusation -for a person who, criticising the saints, correcting the Popes, and snubbing the Cardinals, claims to hector and teach other people, and whose book in its totality does not extend to two hundred pages. Every fresh edition has received fresh corrections, while in several cases the corrections are equally inaccurate with the statements presumed to be corrected.

TABULATED STATEMENT OF CORRIGENDA

AND ERRATA. The various errata and explanatory additions referred to, as can be calculated and seen, amount, I am given to conclude, to exactly two hundred and These-which will probably be set forth at length in a future publicationare, of course, of different kinds, some more important than others, and have thus been carefully tabulated by myself and two friends:

Corrigenda and Errata.—Regarding historical or traditional facts, 51; regarding dogmatic facts, historical and theological, 43; regarding quotations, either first or second hand, from writers on history and canon law with inaccurate conclusions from uncertain premises, 29; regarding historical and theological quotations half-made, often with certain remarkable omissions or qualifications, and consequently, for purposes of controversy, imperiectly and not fairly quoted, 30; regarding short scraps of quotations from the Fathers, which, when bear an entirely different meaning from HANDLING DR. LITTLEDALE "WITHOUT way may fall. that which, for controversial purposes, they were credited, 24; moreover, the compiler of Plain Reasons has, on no less than seventeen occasions, made mistakes in confusing the personal opinions of Catholic writers on dogma, canon law, or ecclesiastical history with the defined and authoritative faith of the Catholic Church—a somewhat serious series of additional errata, 17; furthermore, in seven cases he has assumed that certain current opinions-highly probable opinions, no doubt, but as yet only opinions -are without any doubt dogmatic facts, sacred dogmas, and part of the unchange able divine deposit, and has argued accordingly. This is neither fair nor faithful. The "opinions" even of Popes or canonized saints are opinions and nothing more. Such opinions are not imposed on the faithful, and may be distinct from the Catholic faith, 7. Total,

THE DOCTRINE OF INTENTION. Several of the above referred to corrigenda and sub added notes contain several other retractations, further detailed explanations and careful explainings-away of grave mistakes. The artificial and insincere criticism (and I must add supreme nonsense) which is found regarding the doctrine of intention-a doctrine as familiar to law as to theology, and as important to one as to the other (for if good faith were not kept in ordinary public and official acts, where should we be?)—is so utterly puerile and ridiculous, that it can only take in those who are anxious to be deluded. If one man, in the presence of another, apparently executing a legal deed, deliberately and openly declares, "I do not deliver this as my act and deed"—the proper intention my act and deed"—the proper intention is wanting, and the signed instrument is probably invalid, and certainly open to

probably invalid, and certainly open to have been effected as that Mass might be therein said again with all proper dignity and order at a few days' notice. During the last half century, moreover, nearly 6,000 new churches and chapels have been built in England, and more than that number of old sanctuaries creditably restored.

A RITUALISTIC ELUXDER—DR. LITTLEDALE.

Now just as a breach of unity sealed divisions, and all kind of dangerous and worthless sects and everlasting wranglings sprang from the deplorable Tudor changes; so ought peace and harmony and re-union to spring from, and become the direct and distinct outcome and the final crown of the Oxford or Tractarian movement—evidently from God, Anything that tends to hinder such a desiral new face of the doctors and the same proposal ting that tends to hinder such a desiral new face of the book and the final crown of the Oxford or Tractarian movement—evidently from God, and its conclusions rejected. I only wish those clergymen in official and certainly open to have been absolutely withheld.

Bookkeeping at the best is tedious, and in merits, yea, whiter than the driven snow hat the look sto since what the simplicity of the dove since what the with looke

uble to condemn it in private, would have the courage of their opinions in public. But this is scarcely a courageous age. Wills are too often weak, and moral backbones either disjointed or

An Honorary Canon of Oxford Cathe-

dral writes: "No long experience of Plain Reasons has proved to me that the plan of appeal. ing to mere reason, and bringing everything down to its own level in dealing with Romanism, is likely to be turned to a deadly account in dealing with the great doctrines of the Trinity and of God manifest in the flesh. . . . I know two at east whom the book has made first anti-

Roman, and then scoffing infidels."
Another clergyman of the Diocese of
Oxford writes: "In my parish and neighborhood it has done more harm than good, making its readers, in some cases, often loose believers, and then Christians unattached. In others it has sent devout minds, shocked by its unpleasant cynicism, over to Rome."

Mr. Shirley Brabazon, of Stoke, Oxfordshire, expressed in public (14th of October, 1881) the following sentiment: "A book which has been corrected in nearly a hundred cases of mistatement, should have been first submitted to some competent author. . . . . before being put in print. It shakes our confidence in the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, and it is not creditable that no expression of regret was made by its committee for the circulation of errors and fictions. Dishonesty in controversy, especially in religious controversy, even when resulting from want of necessary inquiry be forehand, is much to be deprecated."

Dr. Mossman, of Torrington. Lincolnshire, in 1881, wrote thus: "The book appears to me to be written in a most reprehensible spirit. Unless exposed and refuted, it is calculated to do grievous harm to the blessed and holy cause of corporate reunion. The book cannot, of course, mislead any one who is really acquainted with ecclesiastical history and dogmatic theology, but how very few of its readers will know that it is little more than a crude congeries of fallacies and erroneous statements, taken at second hand, which have been exposed and refuted again and again."

Another clergyman, of the Diocese of Salisbury, writes: "I am not prepared to face the malice and malevolence of [a certain religious newspaper], otherwise I could easily point out a score of mistakes and misrepresentations [in Plain Reasons] as to our relations with the saints in glory-their help, our duty."

A Rector in Kent, in a published letter in 1882, put on record his judgment as follows: "That such a book should be issued at all by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge is a sign of deterioration, and a bad sign, too. For to drive more wedges into the breach between us and Rome, and to make it bigger and wider, is not to my mind the work of a Catholic (?), priest, now that irreligion, unbelief, and profanity are

extending so." The Rev. Wentworth Hankey, Christ Church, Oxford, in August, 1881, wrote thus: "I shall be much obliged if you will allow me, as an Anglican clergyman, who prefers Dr. Littledale's past to his present views, to express the shame and indignation with which I have from the first regarded the publication of Plain Reasons. Since the issue of translations into French and Italian, the claim of the work to be defensive and not aggressive, can no longer be sustained; and considering what manner

GLOVES." The Rev. E. W. Gilliam remarked of I conclude, therefore, that for more its author's controversial writings that than three and a half centuries in Engthey are "so evidently dictated by illof mind instinctively draws back from sons:" "Entirely negative in character, it is, moreover, a coarse, vituperative, mind."

assertions, and style of reasoning of act together for the honor of God, the "Plan Reasons," in terms more or less in harmony with the various sentiments advantage of Christendom. In this hope, just quoted.

THE DOCTRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CON- and obliged servant. CEPTION.

To return to the book itself. As regards the important doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, which has always been held by the Catholic Church, it is perfectly certain the first Bishop of Nor-wich, Herbert de Losinga (1050-1119) taught it, as a matter of course, openly and publicly, with the greatest distinct-ness. Here are words—a strong contrast to the confused sentiments and distressing profanity of certain preachers at Oxford thirty-five years ago—taken

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BASELESS AND PROFANE CHARGES. With regard to what is set forth in 'Plain Reasons" concerning Church law, the maxims of Ferraris and other canon ists quoted are no more infallible, as is practically assumed, than are the personal opinions of Sir Robert Phillimore and Sir Edmund Beckett equivalent to our authoritative declaration of what is the "Liberty Enlightening the World!"
What a priceless blessing personal liberty
is. It is the shrine at which people, present law of the Established Church The charges of "accumulated falsehood," of "entire disregard for truth," of "delib erate and conscious falsehood with fraudulent intent," and that "truth pure and simple is almost never to be found, and the whole truth in no case whatever," in the Roman Catholic Church, are statements exceedingly shocking, and in most cases have the exactly opposite effect intended. Such vague charges are incapable of being met, for they are baseless as they are profane. In one case this accuser of his brethren goes so far as to deliberately charge Baronius with purposely altering a date, and of deliberately falsifying the Roman martyrology for certain controversial purposes. Now, any historian is liable to a chronological error; yet no certain evidence of the accuracy of the grave charge in question exists; while a writer who has himself made no less than two hundred retractations or explanations in a hastily compiled book of two hundred pages, should not (without any hearing or defence) be severe upon a Christian hero who may possibly have made one in two thousand.

BROUGHT TO TASK BY A GREEK. Dr. Littledale's treatment of the Seventh Œcumenical Council and its decrees has brought down upon him a scornful and withering criticism by Professor Damalas of Mount Athos, referred to in a recent number of a German literary serial, which I have not seen, but which a learned Anglican friend informs me it is painful to read, and quite impossible to answer. THE CONSEQUENCES OF DR. LITTLEDALE'S

METHOD. In fine, only let the sacred doctrines of the Blessed Trinity, of the Procession of the Holy Spirit, of the Incarnation, of the Two Wills of our Blessed Saviour, of the Sacraments and of the Episcopate, be treated in a like carping and ration alistic method with which the writer of "Plain Reasons" has dealt with the need of a Visible Head to a visible Church, and the exercise by delegation of our Lord's Universal Sovereignty, and the mischief of the method would be apparent. Furthermore, devotion to and invocation of the saints, which of course is only the "communion of saints" (in which all profess to believe) put into practice, the state of the faithful departed, the Immaculate Conception and Assumption of our Blessed Lady, would, by a like rationalistic and destructive method, be swept away. The Catholic of men are the vast majority of the faith, however, is like a perfect and com-Church's enemies in France and Italy, plete arch. If but one stone be removed I protest in the name of our common and several others be painstakingly quotations from the Fathers, which, when cought out and studied, are found to weaken the hands of the Church." battered and intentionally broken, there is a grave danger that the whole arch

DR. LEE AGAIN EXPRESSES HIS GREAT HOPE. land, destruction, protests, negations, feeling and prejudice, and the rules of bitter controversies, and self-pleasing good breeding are so completely ignored have done more than enough evil and by him, that a reader of any refinement | mischievous work; and that the Established Church, now confronted by indifone who seems thus regardless of the ference, atheism, sectarian spite, and first principles of Christian moderation avowed agnosticism—can only retain its and ordinary charity." Adding, with present position, or be proved to be much force and terseness of "Plain Read worth its salt, by its leaders and officials making a zealous endeavor to restore what is wanting, and to secure from ecclesiastical authority in the face of brutal book, without piety and without ecclesiastical authority in the face of justice—a book whose spirit has nothing Christendom a restoration of what has in common with a holy and upright lapsed and been lost-the original scheme, so far as there was one, of New-I am informed by persons who know them that Canon Liddon, Canon Carter, Bishop King, Prebendary West of Lincoln, Mr. R. M. Benson of Cowley, Mr. Chancellor Wagner, and others, have ex- in mere self defence to herd together, pressed their dislike of the methods, and then, under supreme authority, to I subscribe myself, sir, your obedient

FREDERICK GEORGE LEE, D. D. All Saints' Vicarage, Lambeth, S. E., Rogation Sunday, 1885.

\* "Life and Letters of Herbert de Losinga, Bishop of Norwich. By E. M. Goulborne, Dean, and Henry Symonds, M. A., Precentor of Norwich Cathedral. In two volumes. London: 1878.

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misfortune illustrated this prevailing pre-judice. I was very ill, had suffered for several years with headache, fickle appetite, dreadful backache, cramps, hot head, cold hands and feet and a general break down of the system. I dragged myself back to New York, seeking the best professional treatment. It so hap-

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tinguished physician who upbraided

me roundly for preaching so much

about my own case. Finally, with some spirit, I remarked to him:

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