

sion; in the Faith then given; in the Sacraments then enjoined; in the things which our Saviour taught and commanded His appointed ministry to teach: and, above all, in His pledged in-dwelling presence in and with that Church of which He spake, when he said: "I appoint unto you a Kingdom." When we turn to history, we find that this Kingdom has existed from that day down to this. We find a certain Ministry, a certain One Faith, certain Sacraments, Sacramental Rites, and other distinguishing notes which characterize it to-day, and have characterized it through the Christian ages all along. Now, of this Kingdom of GOD, we Churchmen believe that the Anglican Communion, of which the "Episcopal" Church in this country is an integral part, is a pure, Scriptural and Apostolic branch; therefore, we belong to it, and must belong to it. We are Churchmen on principle, and cannot be anything else.—*Rev. A. W. Snyder.*

GOD'S CALL.

Is there some person whose company you know is doing you mischief? You feel that you are learning evil from him and that you ought to break away from him, or that it would be much better for you to do so—it would have been better for you if you had never become so intimate with him. Or is there some wrong habit which you have taken up with and you cannot prevail on yourself to lay it aside? you half hate yourself for going on with it, and are happy only when, for a time, you are free from it; but still you are drawn on into it again and again. Or is there some

difficult work which you shrink from undertaking, and yet you can give no satisfactory reason why you should not manfully set to work and take it in hand? Or is there some wrong which you ought to try to prevent, but you are unwilling to incur the opposition or ridicule which it will bring on you? Or does your conscience continually press upon you that you ought not any longer to turn your back on the Lord's Table—that you have kept away too long already?

My dear brethren, all this is GOD calling to you. While you refuse or delay to do these things you are begging to be excused from doing the plain duty which GOD invites you to undertake. His great goodness has led Him to persevere in calling you up to the present time. Beware how you provoke Him to take away the offer from you.

And oh! be well assured that your real happiness is found only in hearkening to His voice. Come out as He calls you, do His bidding, and you will find such peace and comfort, and spiritual strength, and blessed hope, as you do not know now. Fear not the difficulties and trials. Trust Him who holds you with His hand, and promises not to leave you. True, His service is a yoke or a burden, but His yoke is easy and His burden is light. He bare them Himself first, and as He lays them on you He will strengthen and comfort you with the arm, strength, and comfort with which He Himself was borne up.—*Selected.*

"BE ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful."