

Church Work.

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“The Communion of the Church of England, as it stands distinguished from all Papal and Puritan innovations, and as it adheres to the doctrine of the cross.”—*From the will of Bishop Ken, A. D. 1710.*

“CERTAINLY I WILL BE
WITH THEE.”

NEVER, never so near

As in the time of tribulation ;
When men's hearts faint for fear,
God is our help, our sure Salvation.

Never, never so true

As when all else seems false and vain ;
When human friends are few,
Christ can our Faith and Hope sustain.

Never, never so dear

As when our loved ones sink and die,
We feel Him drawing near,
And saying, “Fear not—it is I.”

Never so strong to save

As when we own our utter weakness,
The humblest heart grows brave,
That leans on Him in faith and meek-
ness.

Saviour most true, most dear,

May grace to all our souls be given,
To know and feel Thee near,
Until we see Thy face in Heaven.

CONFIRMATION.

It is too apparent that some at least within the Church undervalue the sacred rite of Confirmation, and this small regard in which it is held accounts for the few candidates in many parishes. Confirmation in the Church of England has been looked upon by too many simply if of any necessity at all only so because it must be received (altho' this plain direction of the Rubric is ignored by some) before the baptized can become a communicant. But a little careful thought and examination given to the subject will convince any one that this is only a secondary and subsidiary purpose, and that the rite means a great deal more than this. That it was plainly understood by the compilers of the service to be for the conveyance of grace, for the giving of the Holy Spirit, requires only the reading of the office to make plain. As the service stands it brings out emphatically the two aspects of the rite—the blessing of God as marked by the imposition of hands, especially associated with