

the devout and loyal Christian to bear upon his heart one who occupies the earthly throne of the country in which he dwells, when he himself approaches to worship at the Throne of 'the King of kings and Lord of lords.'

This may be said to conclude the introductory and comparatively new portion of the Communion Office. We are now coming to that part where the Church treads yet more directly in the ancient track.

On Uncommon Sense.



HE quality which we most rarely see exercised is good sense in common subjects; I call it, therefore, "Uncommon Sense." It is our most valuable sense, for it affects every-day matters, in the life of every individual.

Great and uncommon subjects seldom demand our energies, and to not many are given great talents for such things; but all have their own little sphere to fill, and for the wise and happy fulfilment of it nothing is so needed as sound (so-called) "common sense."

Another reason why I desire to call your attention to this quality is, because, instead of its being prized, as valuable things should be prized, it is too often despised as trivial. We had rather, like Naaman, do some "great thing" than attend to little common duties. We fancy it shows a mean and petty spirit to be occupied with such matters; but it is a far higher spirit which can "with the lofty sanctify the low," and which calls nothing little which has to do with human happiness and welfare.

"A servant with this clause
Makes drudgery divine;
Who sweeps a room as for Thy cause
Makes that and the action fine."

"He that despiseth small things shall fall by little and little." For small things have a fearful power to avenge themselves on those who neglect them; while, if attended to, they form a pleasant habit, diffusing sunshine within and around us. He that is "faithful in that which is least shall be entrusted with the true riches" of the life to come.

Let me point out, first, how little this quality is exercised as regards *Time*. How many are always living in a hurry, and seem all day to be running after some duty which they never catch. To these I would suggest two simple remedies:—Rise early; employ the golden morning hours, since none are so fresh and free from interruptions, and use order and method in all you do, and you will find you can get through at least twice as much in your day. I have heard of a great and good man, who made a list of all he had to do, and wrote "done" to each as it was accomplished. It gives a healthy, noble satisfaction to complete what we attempt, and saves from miserable frettings over unfinished, imperfect work. Much time is also gained by using up all spare minutes. Have some little things in hand always to turn to, and you will be astonished at the results. "Take care of the minutes, and the hours will take care of themselves."