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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 meekness.

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.

—Selected.

## PREACHING AND SACRAMENT.

It may be well to notice an ob-

jection to the view of the Christian Ministry and Sacraments as held by the Church. It is said that the Apostles especially designate themselves as teachers and preachers, and not as priests and administrators of Sacraments; and it is assumed that there is some antagonism between "preaching" and "administering Sacraments," or, at least, that the importance ascribed to preaching necessarily takes from the importance of Sacraments. Now, unquestionably, preaching or teaching is the first thing in the kingdom of God, for without it we cannot apprehend that the kingdom of God is His kingdom, or that Jesus Christ is His Son, or that the Blood of Christ is our atonement, or, indeed, any truth of God whatsoever. But the matter at issue is, do we "preach" as an *end* or as a *means*? Do we preach for mere preaching's sake, or do we preach to lead men to something further? We shall be able to ascertain the respective places of preaching and Sacraments, and the folly of instituting any comparison between them, by considering the