

it would be a sin not to vary from it in the points above mentioned." It is doubtful whether any of the points mentioned by him was in fact contrary to Church order at all.

Wesley says again : " Ye yourselves were at first called in the Church of England ; and though ye have, and will have, a thousand temptations to leave it, and set up for yourselves, regard them not ; be Church of England men still ; do not cast away *the peculiar glory* which God hath put upon you, and frustrate the design of Providence, the very end for which God raised you up." This is dated Cork, May 4th, 1789, within two years of his death.

He mentions in connection with the Societies started for the purpose of " fleeing from the wrath to come," that the only doubt in his mind was, " Is not this making a schism ?" And then he gets over the difficulty by remembering that they were to be mutually helpful only, and therefore "*prudential*," and *not* essential, *not* of divine institution. Such Societies as we know exist in the Church to-day, especially in the old land, where conditions of life are more favorable to them than here ; and we know too, that they are *no* schisms, any more than were those organized under Wesley. They were intended to strengthen the Church of England and revive and promote spiritual Christianity in accordance with the doctrines of the Catholic Church. Throughout his labors, difficult as they were, being undertaken in an age notorious for its spiritual deadness, and without sympathy from quarters where we may well have expected some kind of brotherly assistance and approval, as we have seen he worked hard against separation, and as we shall see in connection with his views on the sacraments, he was an advanced Churchmen, appreciating all the privileges and glories of the Church, and dying within her fold. There are periods in Christian history when we require patience ; and it is the want of this virtue which creates schisms.—W. H. P. A.

(To be continued.)

THE MISSION FUND.

On Wednesday, August 31st, there is to be an outdoor entertainment in the garden of Bishopsclow, in aid of the Diocesan Mission Fund. In the afternoon, a dramatic performance will take place, given by the choir boys of Christ Church Cathedral and their sisters, and in the evening a minstrel troupe will enliven the hours. During the afternoon there will also be a sale of work, provided by the ladies of the working party for this especial object, and by friends in England and Scotland, of the Mission Fund.