

RECOLLECTIONS OF A BAPTISM.

(From the New York Churchman.)

What sparkles in that lucid flood Is water by gross mortals eyed; Bat, seen by Faith, 'tis blood Out of a dear Friend's side.

Kobb.

It was on a morning in summer that I seated myself in our beautiful chapel, rather earlier than the usual hour for the week-day service. What a delightful contrast did the quiet of the house of God present to the noise and confusion of the streets I had just left!

Days of my childhood, ye are vanished! Church of my childhood! Sabbath home of the wearied one!

The prayers fervently uttered by the little band of worshippers were ended—the voices that had blended in a song of praise were hushed—the blessing was pronounced—we were about retiring—when I saw an infant in the arms of its nurse.

Up the broad aisle until she stood beside the font, went a young mother, with her friends gathered round her, to give her child to God.

Another has brought her child, to participate in the blessings and the privileges conferred by the holy rite. Ah! that poor woman who was pacing the vestibule with the sick baby in her arms, has come up with it, and she is alone!

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The holy service is ended, and the young buds of promise have been given back to the shelter of a mother's love, there to be kept in trust for the Lord of the vineyard.

How often do our thoughts wander unbidden into the dim and shadowy future, tracing out the probable destinies of those in whom we are interested; and how did my thoughts thus wander, as in imagination I followed those children to their respective homes, and saw the one caressed by troops of friends, gently tended, and luxuriously cradled, while the other was laid upon its poor pallet, with its lone mother bending over it in tears!

There was one thing of more than ordinary attraction in an acquaintance with good Bishop Jarvis. This was, the fact of his having been ordained by Bishop Seabury, the first American prelate, and his immediate predecessor in the Episcopate of Connecticut.

Great was the privilege to have been an eyewitness of the good deeds of him who had connected the Apostolic Church of God in the old and new world together.

Something like this feeling of veneration for the memory of the first Bishop of Connecticut pervaded the breast of the writer, when he begged of Bishop Jarvis to relate to him the sayings and doings of Bishop Seabury.

"As to that matter," said the good Bishop Jarvis, "besides what is already in print, (and little, for some reason or another, has been brought before the public, much less than the subject demands,) I happen to know some things (not exactly from the mouth of my venerable Diocesan, for he would be the last to speak in commendation of himself) which seem to afford an answer to your question, quite satisfactory.

The yard, through which they were to pass to his house, was enclosed by a tight board fence, and the gate was of the same nature, so that when the strangers drew nigh the house, they saw nothing of the host till the gate was thrown open, which happened just as they came to it.

"As he said this he held out his hand in trembling expectancy of a hearty shake from the Bishop. But in this he was disappointed, for the Bishop coolly said, 'No, Mr. Biles, not so fast; I can't do this: but as you are a left-handed brother, I will give you my left hand.'"

WALMER CASTLE.

About a mile to the southward of Deal is the village of Walmer, and half a mile further on is Walmer Castle, which, with the neighbouring castles of Deal and Sandown, were erected by Henry VIII, in 1539, for the defence of the coast.

You may suppose that being so near to the residence of so remarkable a man, I took the earliest opportunity of visiting it.

The view is expansive and uninterrupted, presenting at once to the eye, on a clear day, the Downs, the adjoining Channel, and the white cliffs of Boulogne and Calais. We entered the gate about 3 o'clock, and, driving up amidst a shady walk of shrubs, evergreens, and gaily-sized trees, asked to see the interior of the castle.

"Bishop Seabury had been consecrated (as it was supposed by those who knew not the particulars) for all New England. It was well known by some intelligent ministers of the Congregationalists, that the Bishop claimed, *jure divino*, [by divine right] the apostolic commission to ordain the ministers of Christ.

"Not many months elapsed before the projector of this scheme had, as he thought, a fair opportunity of trying its efficacy. Bishop Seabury, it was at length announced, had arrived in town and been received with respect by Dr. Parker and his numerous and respectable congregation, and that of Christ Church, founded by the once president of Yale College, then converted to Episcopacy, the Rev. Dr. Cutler.

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"The matter is," said Dr. Parker, "that Mr. Biles, hearing you have arrived in Boston, wishes to bring the Episcopal office which you fill, into ridicule, by holding up to contempt the title which is given to the Bishops of an established church, by applying it in a country where there is no such establishment, and no such pretensions; in short, Mr. Biles means the whole as a quiz, and I am extremely sorry for it."

"Quiz," said the Bishop; is there a man in Boston who would quiz Samuel Seabury? Let us break the seal and see what are the contents of this letter." So saying the note was opened, and found to contain nothing more nor less than a most respectful invitation of Bishop Seabury and Dr. Parker to tea that afternoon, at a stated hour, and concluded by observing, that there was a particular wish for a favourable answer, as Mr. Biles had something of great importance to communicate to the Bishop.

"This affair somewhat interrupted the train of conversation at the table, but in so doing, it put the Bishop in possession of some traits in Mr. Biles' history which he never could forget.

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THE GARNER.

No sooner had our Divine Master selected the twelve favoured followers who were to go with him whithersoever he went, during the remainder of his ministry, than he addressed to them, and to the assembled multitudes, the discourse usually known by the appellation of the "Sermon on the Mount."

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