


universe precludes the possibility of any other priesthood being recognized by him ; whenever they may become acquainted with these facts, they may possibly learn that there is small reason for them to refrain from acting in concert with other ministers in such a matter, say, as that of attempting to reclaim the inmates of the Reformatory from a career of crime ; these would-be priests might also learn their own inferiority to the men from whom they hold aloof, if they were in any degree to act in harmony with them.

With regard to the diaconate (so styled), the supposed "order of deacons," humiliating and saddening as it is to make the acknowledgment, is simply traceable to the same sacrilegious unscrupulousness on the part of the translators of the authorized version of the New Testament, which induced them to put the word "bishopric" (Acts i, 20) into the mouth of the king of Israel (Ps. cix, 8). It is even more humiliating, and more saddening to be obliged to say that when the recent revisers had to deal with the fabrication which oc-

curs in 1 Tim. ii, 10, "*let them use the office of a deacon,*" they have been disingenuous enough simply to shuffle the cards (as it were) and render the passage "let them serve as deacons," although they could not but know that "let them minister, (or) serve," is all that is warranted by the Greek. Simple minded laymen will naturally ask what is the meaning of all this unfaithful trickery, and the only answer which it appears possible to give to such an enquiry is, that it is traceable to the intense corruption of the professing Church, which led the men who are individually responsible for such proceedings, to endeavour to support the existence of *an order of deacons* by means so disingenuous. If they who pride themselves on their spurious plumage will "examine themselves" and their shallow pretensions, if they will apply themselves to answer the facts here stated, they will find little ground to warrant their assuming the airs of exclusiveness ; they may also discover much that will account for the growing unbelief at which they are so horror-stricken.

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