

Such acts of simple kindness are too often excluded by an affected stiffness or coldness which sometimes passes current for Reverence.

When we come to think of it, a marble statue is very 'proper,' dignified and silent, and its head is often meekly bowed. Yet we can hardly call the statue reverent. Reverence is a thing of the heart as well as of the posture. True Reverence is a true expression of our love towards God. It combines a becoming fear with a chastened affection. Cultivate then, in God's house not the cold attitude of the statue, but the loving Reverence of the Angels whose lowly worship of God does not exclude loving ministrations to men.

Is there not a certain appropriateness in Christian courtesy being quietly shewn in a Christian Temple?

In the Porch, or outside, better opportunities may be given for small but dignified courtesies. That stranger who has knelt near you now for several Sundays, or who has passed out beside you for months, that new-comer or lonely soul who goes somewhere in your direction—cannot you do some act, or say some word, or make some gesture to show that you recognize your connexion with them as fellow-members of the same Family?

These social overtures are not called for under all circumstances. Common sense and tact will of course, be exercised. But, where possible, it must be conceded that such acts are practical and reasonable outcomes of the facts and principles of the Christian religion.