

shows unmistakably that he was exercising Episcopal authority in that city when he wrote; Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch (A. D., 107), in the famous letters which he wrote on his way to Martyrdom, strongly insists upon Episcopacy as the one thing necessary to the stable government of the Church after the Apostles had left it. Irenæus (A. D., 180), dwells upon the succession of the Bishops from the Apostles as the great guarantee for the identity of the existing doctrine of the Church with that of the Apostles themselves; and Tertullian (A. D., 200) speaks of St. John being the founder of the Episcopal succession in the Churches of Asia, and of Priests and Deacons baptizing only with the authority of the Bishops. These three last writers plainly considered Episcopacy to be an essential of continuous Church life in the fullest sense. So, too, Clement of Alexandria, (A. D., 218,) compares the honours accorded to Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, to the glory of the angels; while later writers, such as Cyprian, Ambrose, and Augustine, might be freely quoted as bearing witness in the same manner to the Apostolic origin of the Threefold Ministry of Bishops, Priests and Deacons.

SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

THIS system of stated giving has proved beneficial to all of our Parishes where it has been introduced and properly carried out. It not only increases the offerings, but teaches the people to be regular in the habit of giving. Many are unable to contribute to any extent towards the Church's support, and

cannot contribute a large amount at one time. Let us illustrate the effect of systematic giving:

Once there was a man who thought himself very poor—so poor that he could but give little money for any good work. One day a lady asked him to put his name down on her paper, promising to give eighteen dollars and twenty-five cents during that year to the different causes for which his Church was trying to work. He looked at her with amazement. "Why, my dear woman!" said he, "I never had eighteen dollars and twenty-five cents a year to give in my life, and never expect to have. I'm a poor man."

"Well," she said, "if he really thought he could not afford that sum, wouldn't he promise to give five cents a day for that year?"

"Why, yes," he said, "five cents a day was a little bit, certainly; if that would do her any good, he could manage so much." And he did, and enjoyed it.

Just multiply the number of days in a year by the figure five, will you? Well, what is the product? How much money did the man save by not pledging eighteen dollars and twenty-five cents? This is a true story.

PRAYER.

AN old writer has said that if God does not see our face often turned toward him here, he will not know it when we stand before Him hereafter. What did he mean? He meant that we must pray often. When we pray we turn our face towards God, just as Jesus Christ lifted up his eyes to heaven, when he prayed to his father (John xvii.