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“The Communion of the Church of England, as it stands distinguished from all Papal and Puritan innovations, and as it adheres to the doctrine of the cross.”—*From the will of Bishop Ken, A. D. 1710.*

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## THOUGHTS ON THE ASCENSION.

THE ‘forty days’ are nearly ended, and once more we are about to commemorate the Great Day which saw our Saviour ascend to the Glory, which, for our sakes, He had exchanged for the depths of humiliation and woe.

Let us strive to lift up our hearts as did the favoured band to whom was vouchsafed the last sight on earth of the Risen Saviour. Then, when the cloud has received Him, let us follow with the eye of faith, let us listen to the triumph-song of the angels as they welcome back their King, the Victor over Sin and Death, “Lift up your heads O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in.” “Who is the King of Glory? Even the Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory.”

“Who is the King of Glory?” It is the MAN, CHRIST JESUS! the MAN OF SORROWS, and acquainted with grief, the despised and rejected! Have we not greater cause for joy even than the angels? Was it

not for our sakes that He, who is now clothed with Majesty and Honour, who is decked with Light as with a garment, became a little lower than the angels? Was it not for us that He suffered and died? Should not this Ascension Day be one to stimulate our Faith, increase our love, and help to draw our souls upward to the Mansions into which our Forerunner has entered, and where He has prepared a place for His own?

The Christian soul, in full assurance of faith, may see, in Christ’s ascension into Heaven, an earnest of his own entrance into eternal life. Have we not His Word of Divine Love telling us that where He is there we may be also? “We know not whither Thou goest and how can we know the way,” said the half-hearted disciple. Jesus answered, “I am the WAY.” We know whither He has gone, and we know the Living WAY that will lead us thither. We have the blessed foot-prints to follow, leading by a way of Purity and Peace through the temptations and disquiet of earthly life, and at its close we