

Prayer Book Notes.

I.

The Church is described in Article XIX as "a congregation of faithful men."

It is a society duly organized and officered by solemn warrants of Scripture, with a convenient order and constitution, laws and by-laws to guide the "faithful."

The "faithful" abide by these, are ordered by them in conduct both in and out of the congregation.

Guidance in the offices set forth in that order for initiation, in infancy, for growth and development intellectually and spiritually.

Confirmation in membership, additional gifts and graces, individual affirmation of vows, solemnly ratified in the congregation.

Communion, divine fellowship, spiritual food by the way, obedience to Author's last request.

"Is any man sick, let him call for the elders, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord."—[Jas. v. 14.]

This anointing is scriptural, apostolic, primitive. It is still literally carried out in the Greek Church, the Church of Rome uses it "in extremis." The Anglican use as prevailed at the eve of the Reformation, see "The Institution of a Christian man." "All Christian men should repute and account the said manner of anointing among the other Sacraments of the Church, forasmuch as it is a visible sign of an invisible grace."

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Winter Flowering Bulbs.

WINTER FLOWERING BULBS, of which hyacinths are the chief, are very numerous in varieties, and make pleasing displays of bloom through the months of winter. Bulbs delight in a rich, sandy loam mixed with a small quantity of leaf mould. Do not use manure unless in the shape of liquid manure, and that at the time they are pushing up their flower stalks. They may be potted from September to December; the sooner the better, as it will give the bulbs a chance to get well established in the pots and better results may be expected. After potting they should be well watered and placed away for six weeks in a cool cellar, covered with sand or fine coal ashes to the depth of four inches. After the six weeks they should be examined and the most forward brought out and placed in a light sunny window. See that they are watered frequently and have as much fresh air as possible. When in bloom they will last very much longer by placing in a cool temperature.

FLOWERING BULBS IN WATER. Hyacinths and other bulbs are brought to flower in glasses of water, and while they look very pretty growing in this way, it is not the way to get the best results, as the flowers will be greatly inferior to those grown in soil and their period of bloom will also be much shorter. Water does not contain nourishment enough to bring the flowers to full perfection.

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