

be men of high integrity, possessing the confidence of the Congregation, and men too, who will study economy as closely when they are incurring expense for their Church, as they would, if they were attending to their own affairs. But beyond and above all this, the Church Warden should be a truly religious man, constantly seen in his place at Church, frequently seen kneeling at the Table of the Lord, and also known to be a good man in every relation of life. Such a man exercises a mighty power for good and deserves well of the whole community. Such are the men whom our Congregations should try to elect at our coming Easter Vestries.

Suggestions for Reverent Behaviour in Church.

Unnecessary conversation and all loud talking should be avoided in the Church at all times. A buzz of conversation or a clatter of tongues, as soon as the Clergyman has retired to the vestry, is most unseemly. Some persons may wish to remain and pray over the words they have heard, or the gift they have received, and their devotions should not be disturbed; and all should depart as quietly as possible. Before Service, to be quiet is the best preparation for taking part in the worship.

Kneeling on the knees, not sitting and bending forward, is the proper attitude for prayer. Benches must be made and arranged so as to render this possible.

At the Holy Communion all should remain kneeling, if possible, while others are receiving. Gloves should be removed before going forward to the rail. The Sacramental Bread should be received into the palm of the right hand and then reverently raised to the mouth. The Cup should be taken into the hands of the Communicant or at least guided to the lips, though the Minister may retain hold to steady it.

At a Burial, the congregation, including the mourners, should take part in the Service as at other times, responding in the Psalm, and saying *Amen* at the end of the prayers.

So also at a Marriage, when all care must be taken to impress upon every one that is

present the dignity of the Rite:—"The Solemnization of Matrimony."

Nothing should at any time be placed upon the Holy Table but what is actually used in the Celebration of the Holy Communion. Any ornaments or decorations should be on a shelf behind.

A PRAYER ON ENTERING CHURCH.

Lord, I am in Thy holy house. Grant me a spirit of reverence and devotion. Drive from me all vain and evil thoughts. Hear my prayers for myself and for all those for whom I am bound to pray. And grant me a share in the prayers of all Thy faithful people. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER THAT MAY BE SAID SILENTLY WITH THE CLERGYMAN, BEFORE THE SERVICE BEGINS.

O Lord, graciously accept us drawing near to Thee in this Service. Bless Thy servant who leads Thy worship. Help us to worship Thee in spirit and in truth. And pour upon us the abundance of Thy blessing. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER AFTER SERVICE.

Pardon, O Lord, I beseech Thee, all the imperfections of our Service. Grant that what we say with our lips, we may believe in our hearts, and shew forth in our lives. Train us by our worship in Thy Church on earth for Thy perfect service hereafter. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Cathedral Notes.

The Lenten Letter, issued at the commencement of this Holy Season by the Cathedral Clergy, is based on the words: "Worship the Lord in the beauty of Holiness," and commends to the attention of the Cathedral Worshippers many beautiful thoughts on the spirit of earnest and true devotion in God's House. May the earnest counsels contained in this Pastoral bear much fruit to the Glory and Praise of God!

During Lent the Preachers are as follows:—

SUNDAYS.

First: Morning—The Lord Bishop.

Evening—The Very Rev. the Dean.