

WAS ARCH. TILLOTSON BAPTIZED OR ORDAINED AT ALL?

Another Primate of England, even better known than Secker, Archbishop Tillotson, was the son of a Baptist minister, and never *baptized at all*, by layman or minister, Presbyterian or Episcopal. Though often challenged to furnish proof of his baptism, none was furnished. Nor did he ever pass the first step in the graduating scale, that of Deacon, and when he received Priest's Orders it was from a Scotchman, Sydisorf, whose own Orders were invalid. It is to Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury, that Whately, Archbishop of Dublin, when he says: "Even in the memory of persons living there existed a Bishop concerning whom there was so much mystery and uncertainty prevailing as to when, where and by whom he had been ordained, that doubts existed in the minds of many persons whether he had ever been ordained at all."

In "Percival's Catalogue" occur the names of fourteen Bishops in England, including Pearson, of Chester, author of the well-known work on the Creed, of whose consecration to their office no record exists. Consequently, *no man who has received orders through any of these has or can have any evidence that he is in Orders at all.*

How foolish then it is to talk of an unbroken Apostolic Succession when we have so many infallible proofs that no such succession exists, or ever existed, and that the published catalogues have such constant breaks and such spurious links as to make them utterly unreliable.

ROMEWARD IN ITS TENDENCY.

How inconsistent for a Protestant Church to claim descent through a papal channel! along a line crooked as it is corrupt. Well might Bishop Latimer say. "What fellowship hath Christ with Antichrist. Therefore it is not lawful to bear the yoke with Papists." While Bishop Jewel adds, in the true spirit of the Reformation: "As for us, we have forsaken a Church in which we could neither hear the pure Word of God nor administer the Sacraments nor invoke the name of God as we ought."

How many missing links! Amid the numerous corruptions of doctrine and practice and gross superstition that crept in during these ages we find recorded descriptions not only of the profound ignorance and profligacy of life of many of the clergy, but also of the grossest irregularities in respect of discipline and form. We read of Bishops consecrated when mere children, of men officiating who barely knew their elders, of prelates expelled, of others put into their places by