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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.*

MISERERE.

A PENITENTIAL HYMN.

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Lord, have mercy! show me pity!

Hear a humble suppliant's cry!

Only refuge of the sinner,

Penitent to Thee I fly.

Lord, I come with grief confessing

All my wanderings from Thee—

Evil heart and life lamenting,

Depths which Thou alone canst see.

Wretched, lost, without Thy favor—

Gracious Advocate on high,

Wilt Thou pardon, wilt Thou save me,

Doomed by Thy just law to die?

Son of God, divine compassion

Led Thee sin's dread curse to bear;

Woful weight of man's transgression!

O my soul, thy guilt was there.

Lamb of God, Thy blood atones

For a world condemned in sin;

Nought but that pure, sacred offering

Can avail to make me clean.

Lead me by Thy Holy Spirit,

From the bonds of sin set free;

Fashion a new heart within me,

Make me to rejoice in Thee.

Gazing at Thy cross, O Saviour,

Faith embraces that dear sign;

Grant Thy peace, full absolution,

Blessing, from Thy heavenly shrine.

SHORT SERMON ON INFANT BAPTISM.

Matthew: xviii., 5. Whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.

WE all seek the same *heaven*. We all desire the spread of *truth*. We seem to differ in our *modes*. If we understood each other, perhaps these differences would diminish. Why should we not understand each other? Some day I will gladly hear how you think and feel on the subject of Infant Baptism. This evening I will briefly explain our way of thinking.

I. We feel some DIFFICULTIES.

1st. The tender and irresponsible age of the child. But, after all, this baptism is never consummated until, at confirmation, the child becomes personally responsible; and so, *practically*, this Infant Baptism does not make the recipients less responsible church-members than others.

2nd. It might seem strange that one person—the sponser—should take a vow for another—the child. And yet, in business matters, with our child's property