

had sleeves to distinguish it from the collobium, which had none. It was all white before, but behind had two purple lines, or stripes.

*Datary*.—An officer in the pope's court, always a prelate and sometimes a cardinal, deputed by the pope to receive such petitions as are presented to him touching the provision of benefices. This officer has a substitute, but he cannot confer any benefice.

*Decree*.—An ordinance enacted by the pope, by and with the advice of his cardinals in council assembled, without being consulted by any person thereon.

*Decretal*.—The collection of the decrees of the pope.

*Dirige*.—A solemn service in the Romish church; hence, probably, our *Dirge*.

*Dispensation*.—Permission from the pope to do what may have been forbidden.

*Dominicans*.—An order of religious, called, in some places, Jacobins, Predicants, or preaching friars. They take their name from Dominic de Guzman, born in 1170, at Calarvega, in Old Castile. This order is diffused throughout the whole known world.

*Ember Weeks or Days*.—Fasts observed four times in the year, that is, on the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after the first Sunday in Lent; after Whit-Sunday; after the 14th of September; and after the 13th of December. Some derive the term from *ember*, a German word, which signifies abstinence; others, from one which signifies ashes, because it was customary with the ancients to accompany their fastings with sprinkling of ashes or sitting upon them; and others, from a Saxon word signifying course or circuit, these fasts returning every year in regular courses.

*Epiphany*, called, also, the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles.—Observed on the 6th of January.

*Eucharist*.—A name for the Lord's supper.

*Eulogiæ Privatæ*.—Consecrated loaves, sent by bishops and priests, who had taken the sacrament, to one another in token of communion.

*Excommunication*.—An ecclesiastical penalty, whereby those who incur the guilt of any heinous sin are separated from the communion of the church.

*Exorcist*.—One who, by adjurations, prayers, or religious acts, drives away malignant spirits.