

is curious to note how many things in her doctrines and usages that have been assailed by others have, after awhile, been adopted by those who assailed them. A tempest of obloquy and persecution has been raised from time to time against us, but in the end those who raised it have adopted the very things they had denounced, and made them their own. Vestments in worship that were called Rags of Popery are now worn even by the children of the Puritan. Form of devotion that were called crutches for the lame are now finding favor. Organs, which would once have driven folks out of the House of God in holy horror, are now listened to with high approval. \* \* \* \* \* The old Church has not been like a reed shaken by the wind; for, as a matter of fact, very few well instructed Churchmen ever leave her fold.

We receive the Church's teaching implicitly, as in duty bound, in childhood, and as we grow up to think and act for ourselves, we find little or no reason to question her teachings, and so we adopt them, not only for her saying, but because we have heard and know for ourselves that this is indeed the Church of God. We are thankful for her stability, and for the help she affords to stability in her members, and that she nurtures not, usually, nor often, Reeds shaken by the wind.—*The Rev. W. H. Lewis, D. D.*

WHEN shall we learn to live and let live in the Church, as well as in the affairs of this world? To respect the convictions of others, even (and this is the greatest test of charity) though they do not respect ours?

## AN EX-DISSENTING MINISTER IN ENGLAND GIVES HIS REASONS FOR ENTERING THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

WE call attention to the following abstract of Mr. Robinson's sermon. He is a sample of hundreds who, from all quarters, are entering the ranks of our Ministry. He is evidently not afraid of the Church's future. His words are worth noting. The Church is Scriptural in her Articles, her Formularies, her Liturgy. "If men proved traitors, it was not the Church's fault, it was her sorrow."

"On Monday evening, the 6th inst., the Rev. W. Robinson, lately pastor of Bethesda Congregational Chapel, Runcorn, preached on his 'conscientious reasons for leaving Dissent,' in Trinity Church, Gloucester, which was crowded. He took for his text 1 Cor. x, 15: 'I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say.' In the course of an interesting address, Mr. Robinson said he had entered the Church because she was soundly scriptural in her Articles, her Formularies, and her Liturgy. If men proved traitors within her ranks, it was not the Church's fault, but it was her sorrow. He loved the Church, because by her system and organization she was better fitted to spread and maintain the Gospel of Christianity than any other division of Christ's Church, for while there was nothing to prevent the voluntaryism of the people being developed to its utmost, yet her ministry was not dependent either upon the accident or caprice of the voluntary principle. He loved the Church, because the