

ly believes in God's promises? And then the last answer of all is of itself a means, and a very precious means, of preparation for the Feast.

Let us hope that more of the great army of Churchmen may use the weapons here provided for them, and may by them ward off many of the blows of the great adversary.

No man will ever be an earnest Christian who neglects the study of God's book. Men may read it as a habit, we speak of no such reading; the reading we mean is that which can say, "O, how I love thy law; it is dearer to me than thousands of gold and silver." Thus read, the book will keep us from the worldly spirit; the book will keep us from regarding its truths as obsolete. Read the book; study the book, and we will not get far from God and the truth of God.

THE HEBREW TONGUE.

THE *American Antiquarian* gives us light on tongues and tools. It says of the Hebrew tongue: "The striking similarity which the Assyrian and Babylonian languages bear to the Hebrew has been dwelt upon lately by Prof. F. Delitsch, showing that the three people at one time dwelt together. The names of plants are held in common. Many terms which occur only once in the Old Testament are used in the Eastern languages. This is an interesting line of study."

It also says about the tools of the pyramid builders: "It has long been a puzzle to antiquarians to know how the round holes, used for pivot holes of doors of temples

in Egypt were made. It is now clear that they were made by tubular drills, supposed to have been made of bronze; the cutting edge set with hard jewels, probably corundum. The Egyptians were also acquainted with circular cutters or saws, the cutting edge being set with gems. Fragments of hard stone have been found having marks of circular scourings. Mr. Wm. Flinder Petrie has contributed much information on the subject."

RULES TO BE OBSERVED.

IN choirs and places where they sing, *don't* sit down.

Whatever be the posture prescribed by the Rules of the Church and generally followed by the congregation, *don't* violate them.

Don't sit down when others stand or kneel. *Don't* attempt to join in singing, chanting, or any other part of the service, unless you can do it as it is being done.

Don't say the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the General Confession, or the Amens at the end of collect or prayer, on any other note or in any other manner than that which you hear the choir or clergy take. *Don't* talk, fan yourself, fuss with your gloves or clothes, gaze about the Church, until the bell runs down, the voluntary on the organ begins, or the first notes of the Processional Hymn fall on your ear, as though the sacredness of the place was determined by its being used.

Don't forget that good manners may be shown, and that it is quite as desirable that good behaviour should be manifested by a careful observance of certain rules in the House of God, as in any other house.