

Articles to contain Godly and wholesome doctrine, we find these words: "Thus much we must be sure to hold, that in the Supper of the Lord there is no vain ceremony or bare sign, *no untrue figure of a thing absent*, but the Communion of the Body and Blood of our Lord in a marvellous incorporation, which, by the operation of the Holy Ghost, is through faith wrought in the souls of the faithful."

And in the Order for the Administration of the Lord's Supper, the Elements are repeatedly designated as the Body and Blood of Christ, and after reception of these we give thanks that God "doth vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy Mysteries with the Spiritual Food of the most precious Body and Blood of (His) Son our Saviour Jesus Christ." In the Exhortation at the time of receiving, God's Servant invites to "the Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of Christ," and says, if we come aright, "we spiritually eat the Flesh of Christ and drink His Blood": but, if we come unworthily, "then we are guilty of the Body and Blood of Christ our Saviour." And in the Prayer of Humble Access we pray: "Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the Flesh of Christ and drink His Blood; that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His Body and our souls washed through His most precious Blood." And in the Consecration the Priest prays: "Grant that we, receiving these Thy Creatures of Bread and Wine.... may be partakers of (Christ's) most blessed Body and Blood."

In our Church Catechism, too, we teach our children that the inward part in this Sacrament is "the Body and Blood of Christ, which are verily and indeed taken and received by the faithful in the Lord's Supper." And the twenty-eighth Article of our Church says, with reference to this Sacrament, that "to such as rightly, worthily and with faith receive the same, the Bread which we break is a partaking of the Body of Christ, and likewise the Cup of Blessing is a partaking of the Blood of Christ."

Further on in the Article we read:—

"The Body of Christ is given, taken and eaten in the Supper only after an heavenly and spiritual manner." But Guest, Bishop of Rochester, who penned this Article, tells us that the word "only," which was objected to by some, did not exclude the Presence of Christ's Body from the Sacrament, but only the grossness and sensibleness in the receiving thereof.

And in the Black Rubric, at the end of the Communion Service, we read that "no adoration ought to be done either

unto the Sacramental Bread or Wine, or unto any Corporal Presence of Christ's Natural Flesh and Blood," the object being to press a Spiritual in opposition to a Carnal Presence.

Thus the Church of England, while she expressly repudiates the Doctrine of Transubstantiation, *i. e.* the Doctrine of the change of the Substance of Bread and Wine, expressly teaches by her Formularies a true Presence, spiritual indeed, but real, inasmuch as a Spiritual Presence must be a true Presence, because all spiritual things are real and effectual, and not imaginary.

Church Society.

CENTRAL BOARD.

A meeting of the Central Board of the Church Society was held at the Cathedral Church Hall, on Tuesday, the 17th day of April, when the report of the Finance Committee regarding the grants to be made to assist in the education of the children of the clergy was considered, and the whole matter was referred back to the Finance Committee, to be finally disposed of next month.

A letter was read from Robert Hamilton Esq., resigning his position of member of the Investment Committee of the Church Society, and a resolution was passed accepting Mr. Hamilton's resignation with much regret, thanking him for his assistance in times past, and electing Mr. John Hamilton to succeed his father on the Investment Committee.

A cordial and hearty vote of thanks was then accorded to Mr. Bishop, the Organist of the Cathedral, and the Ladies and Gentlemen of the Choir, who so kindly and ably assisted him at the Anniversary Service of the Church Society at the Cathedral on the evening of Wednesday, the fourth day of April, and the following evening at the Public Meeting at the Tara Hall.

The Treasurer, Mr. Pope, reported that the collection at the Anniversary Meeting at the Tara Hall amounted to \$121.27, that the expenses were \$49.00, leaving a balance of \$72.27, and that the collections at the Cathedral amounted to \$50.43, thus making in all \$122.70 to be placed to the credit of the Mission Fund.

CLERGY TRUST COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Clergy Trust Committee was held at the Cathedral Church Hall, on Wednesday, the 18th day of last month, when the Treasurer presented his Financial Report, which was received and adopted.