

OUR OBLIGATIONS AS MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH.

LET me persuade you to reflect that the circumstance of existing within the pale of the very Church originally planted by the Apostles, and freely watered with their own and the blood of numerous worthy confessors, so far from exonerating you from the obligation to lead a life of undissembling faith and holiness, should stimulate you to yet higher exertions to 'walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called.' We would seriously impress upon your minds that, in proportion to the peculiar advantages you enjoy, you are called upon to measure the extent of your responsibility. The Church provides her members with a valid ministry; and they are so much the more inexcusable than others if they fail to listen to sound doctrine and irreprovable precepts. She puts into their hands forms of prayer to be used in public worship, which are adapted to all their spiritual needs, which will enable them to approach the Throne of Grace and supplicate the Lord in an acceptable manner, and if they are not found to unite in her solemn Services, the more severely will they be judged and condemned for these omissions.

And what shall we say of those who undervalue the Sacraments ordained by the Great Head of the Church Himself, of those who, calling themselves members of His Body, yet refuse the nourishment which the branches must receive from the Vine, if indeed they will be accounted living branches, and not as fit only to be cut off and cast away.—*Selected.*

MORNING STUDY OF THE BIBLE.

THE best time for Bible reading is in the morning. The mind and body are fresh after the repose of the night, and the highest powers of thought may be brought to bear upon the chapter selected. But, with most people, each recurring morning brings its own pressing tasks. Business cares, the daily toil, and the duties of the household, are the first and most engrossing concerns. Some hours must pass, with very many, before they can find time to sit down to any quiet reading. I would plead, however, with every one who may happen to look at this article that the plan be honestly tried of taking some words from God's Book for the first meditation of the morning.—*Margaret J. Sangster.*

THE OBJECT OF FAITH.

BELIEVE the Bible, and thou shalt be saved? No.—There is no such word written. It is, "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

Do not trouble yourself in the first instance about questions connected with the book of Genesis, or difficulties suggested by the book of Revelation. Let the wars of the Jews alone in the meantime and dismiss Jonah from your mind. Look to Jesus! get acquainted with Him, listen to His word, believe in Him, trust Him, obey Him.

This *is all* that is asked of you in the first instance. After you have believed on Christ, and taken Him as your Saviour, your Master, your Model, you will not be slow to find out that "all Scripture is