

be well to say plainly that this anxiety about clothing comes not from humility, but from pride, from secret envy of others more fortunate, and covetous longing for that very richness of apparel it pretends to despise. Persons who attach such importance to clothing as to remain away from church on account of its quality, would probably be the first to be guilty of rudeness to the poorly-dressed, if by chance of fortune they were ever brought to the top. A true lady never commits the egregious blunder of supposing that her social position depends on the clothing she wears; she dresses quietly, according to her means, and thinks no more about it. Least of all does she suppose that the house of God is the place to show to the public how much she pays her dressmaker. Still we have to admit sadly that cases have occurred of persons being slighted in church (a look or a movement can say as much as words), because they were not as finely clad as their neighbors, but we should regard such acts as simply the unintentional indication of natural boorishness and vulgarity of soul, which the extravagant attire in vain tries to conceal. Such rudeness injures not us, but only the person whose lack of true "gentlehood" it makes manifest.—*Selected.*

A REMARKABLE INCIDENT.

A correspondent of the *Congregationalist* tells the story that one of the Indian students, walking not long since through the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, saw a plaster cast of himself. Thereby hangs a tale. Anthropologists have been solicitous to secure casts of

Indian faces, and our government secured such casts from sixty-four Indian warriors imprisoned in the fortress of St. Augustine for murder and other outrages. They were Cheyennes, Kiowas, Arrapahoes, and Comanches. In time, they came under the influence of Captain Pratt, were instructed in letters, and some of the younger men have been transferred to General Armstrong's school, where they are making good progress. In March of this year "twelve of the originals of the plaster casts" taken at St. Augustine were admitted into the Christian Church at Hampton. The incident that one of them, dressed in civilized garb, should meet in a national museum a plaster cast of himself, taken when he was a savage, is one not often paralleled.

SPIRITUAL LIFE IN THE ENGLISH CHURCH.

IN the course of his Visitation Charge, delivered at Leeds on the 30th of April, the Bishop of Ripon stated that "the number of churches in which there is a regular weekly offertory is 230; when I met you in visitation three years since it was 193. In 37 churches, therefore, it has been established recently; so far as I can learn, this has been done with the concurrence of the parishioners, and has been found to answer well. Large as is the gross amount or what has been contributed in the Diocese during the last three years in furtherance of Church work, we have not, I believe, as yet, nearly reached the limit of what might be secured by voluntary contributions. Partly this is owing to the want of plain and definite teaching upon