

quite another thing to enjoy the actual possession of it. The Father has placed us in His Family, but if we would dwell there we must wear the white dress of the Family and share in its high and beautiful and holy life. We must help to maintain the family honour, and to fight the family battles. God calls us now at Confirmation from an unthinking and careless or indolent life to understand our true position, enjoy its privileges, and face its responsibilities. Is this hard? He comes down from Heaven (in the person of the Holy Spirit) to enlighten our eyes and make us strong to do His will.

CONVERSION

From the above it will be evident that Confirmation presents a priceless opportunity for "taking stock" of life, its responsibilities and possibilities. It is too often forgotten that the privileges of Holy Baptism are granted on the assumption of the baptized persons' Repentance and Faith, which are at first guaranteed by their Sponsors, but "which when they come of age, themselves are bound to perform." Have we ever "performed" this definite obligation by consciously realizing our sins, giving them up, and turning from them to GOD in a spirit of loving Faith? These are two factors in what is sometimes called "Conversion" which is the great spiritual need of the thoughtless and the proud, the self-willed and the sinful. To our great loss in the past, this spiritual act (of Conversion) does not seem to have been comprehended as a pressing need for Church-men, who have too often remained cold, self-satisfied and unspiritual—repelled, perhaps by popular distortions of this truth. And yet with us, as with others, a definitely spiritual life is a