

emptorily refused to be present. God be praised for her pure and exalted example."—*Springfield (U. S.) Republican*

The Archbishop of Canterbury is about to commence proceedings against those ministers of the Church of England in his diocese who persist in conducting the services of the church contrary to the rubrical directions of the Book of Common Prayer, and introduce many of the ceremonies for which the Rev. Mr. Bennet was lately condemned by the Bishop of London. Amongst these ceremonies are, having lights on the altar during morning prayer, preaching in the surplice, intoning the prayer, and turning from the congregation during certain portions of the service. The Archbishop has already been in communication with the clergymen of whom he had reason to complain; but, as they have merely formally acknowledged his remonstrance and persisted in their Romanising practices, he has determined to serve them with monitions, and cite them before the Ecclesiastical Court. The result of these proceedings will be looked to with great interest by the people of this country. The present position of the Church of England is also, we perceive, attracting some little attention in the North of Ireland. The Lord Bishop of Down and Connor and Cromore, the Right Rev. Robert Knox, in his visitation address on Thursday last, deploras the "apostacies" which have taken place in England, and laments over the Gorham controversy; but connects both, to use his own words, with "the strange anomaly of our position as a church deprived of self-government in spiritual matters." He proposes, as the only remedy to meet the present emergency, a "recognised representative body, legally appointed, properly organised, and legitimately constituted, competent to deal authoritatively with all such matters;" a representative body selected from the Church at large, a solemn tribunal qualified to legislate for it on all temporal and spiritual matters. Is it too much (asks his lordship) to expect or to require that the same privilege and the same prerogative, which every other Christian church possesses, should be extended to our own, and that its doctrines should be defined, its discipline and laws enunciated, altered, or abrogated, by a deliberative council, composed of its own members exclusively? Upon the constitution of the proposed representative body his lordship makes a bold suggestion. He would embrace among its members "all in communion with us, admitting the laity equally with the clergy to a legitimate participation in its government."

A HINT BY THE WAY.—A minister was dining at the house of a friend; when dinner was placed on the table, the master of the house requested him to ask a blessing. As soon as he had finished, one of the children, a prattling boy, asked the following appropriate and memorable question:—"Papa, what is the reason we always have a blessing asked when the minister is here, and never at any other time?" I wonder how the father enjoyed his inner after this?

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Onward we hied toward our homes,
Love in our bosoms burning
For parents, brothers, sisters dear,
Who joyed at our returning.

We little thought, when last we met,
Each other kindly greeting,
With him that's gone, that it would be
Our last, our only meeting!

The session o'er, and honours won,
No longer studies pressing,
He hastened to his father's home
To hear a father's blessing.

He reached his home; but 'twas to die,
To leave his fond friends pining;
The meteor of his life went out,
But left its glory shining.

Oh! to his memory drop a tear;
While down your cheek 'tis flowing,
Think, he has gone to his long home,
And you are also going.

Time's bell hath tolled his funeral knell,
And yours will soon be tolling;
The hour, which lays you with the dead,
Is quickly onward rolling.

Prepare for death while 'tis to-day;
Remember time is fleeting,
And, oh! may we in Heaven with him
Have an eternal meeting.

Then shall we join in that sweet song,
Through Heaven's high vaults now ringing;
The praises of our King, the Lamb,
We'll never cease from singing.

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