

of need. There is no room for a confessor in a child-like religion like this."

The members of the Church in Canada are not wholly without need of such an exhortation, for the confessional is not unknown among ourselves; and ministers of our church are more and more asserting the character, and assuming the functions of confessing and sacrificing priests. A clergyman of the Diocese of Toronto has appeared as a delegate to the Provincial Synod in a *soutane*, hitherto the characteristic garb of a Romish Priest. Two others of our clergy, one of them only recently ordained, presented themselves at last Diocesan Synod in similar garbs, and one of them with a large cross hanging at his breast, by what resembled, if it was not, a rosary. Yet, such significant assumptions pass unrebuked. The members of Synod at the same meeting had put into their hands a leaflet bearing an engraved figure of St. Lawrence, with his gridiron in his hand, inviting them to attend a meeting of the Guild of S. Laurence, the Martyr, at the Chapel "of the Holy Cross," to hear "a paper on guild work." Processions and processional hymns are now of common occurrence. The offertory is converted into an offering. Not only is the turning of the back to the people by the officiating minister, and his bowing to the communion table on which the elements are placed, not unknown in Canada; but also the more recent novelty has been practised of placing the bread on the recipient's tongue, and pouring the wine into his mouth, without his being permitted to touch the bread and cup. Surely, with the example of England's recent experiences before us and with such indications as our own warning, we may apply to ourselves the remonstrance of our blessed Lord, "Ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?"

It may be that we have not to fear all the evils that the parent church has already experienced. It is more likely—and enough has already transpired to confirm its probability,—that the Canadian Church will lose a much larger number of members such as she can ill spare, by their deserting her for other Protestant communions, than by their returning to the errors and superstitions from which our church was delivered at the Reformation.

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