

## Short Sermon.

vable, viz., that, at the close of the Eucharistical prayer, the ancient manner was for the people to say "*Amen.*" \* \*

Now the heavenly feast is ready; now the great spiritual banquet is prepared. It is time for the devout communicant to draw very near to God, and to prepare his heart for the due reception of the great spiritual gift, which God is so ready to impart to every faithful recipient of it. At this time, too, during the pause, which necessarily occurs for a few moments in the service, it has been customary for devout Christians to offer up their intercessions and prayers on behalf of the whole Church of Christ, and to pray for God's especial blessing upon all who are near and dear to them. This is a very suitable way of occupying any spare moments, and one which is in accordance with that spirit of true charity which should animate each one of us as we approach the holy table.

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### A New World, a Joy to Angels.

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Job xxxviii. 7.—"*When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy.*"



IN the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. This is the first truth taught us in God's word, and it is the first article of the Christian creed; and as it is Faith's first duty to believe this, so it is the glory of what we call *Science* to tell us, as far as she can, the meaning of these words. From Science we learn how vast is the heaven, and how wonderful is the earth which God created and made; she shows us the marvellous goodness of all the works of the Lord; the majesty of the greatest of them, and the perfection of the least. And when we listen to her teaching we are constrained to cry out, "O Lord, how wonderful are Thy works, in wisdom hast Thou made them all!"

For instance, we ask Science to tell us what she knows about the heavens above us, and she answers that the stars are well called the *host* of heaven, because they are in number far beyond our power to count.

She points out to us many worlds and clusters of worlds, shining upon us from afar, some of them so distant that we cannot trace even the outline of their shape. This she can do; but she does not know whether these worlds are inhabited, nor, if so, who it is that lives there. So she must be content to end as we began, "In the beginning God created the heavens," and she may add, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth His handywork."

Nor can Science tell us all we should like to know about the

\* L'Estrange. *Alliance of Divine Offices.*