

pet hobby. This it fiercely bestrides as if for life and death, as if the salvation of the world hung on its triumph: and all the time it is just a poor little affair. Meanwhile the stallions, camels and elephants stand idle in their stalls!

Rome's hobby is the vicarism of her Bishop. Canterbury's, Apostolic Succession. Geneva's, fore-ordination. Methodism's, temperance (so-called). That of the Baptist, dipping adults. That of the Congregationalist, segregation. That of the Quaker, dumb worship. The hobby of the Plymouth Brethren is the abolition of parsons and all church organization. The Anglican proudly bestrides his "Orders": and in the eyes of the Ritualist, priestism is the finest charger in the world!

All mounted, and tilting like children at one another! Of course, some of these matters are really grave, and not to be lightly considered—infant baptism, for instance; but most of them are not of much practical account. For *the* important THING—the very *heart and soul* of our holy religion—is LOVE TO GOD AND MAN, not controversy. How few sects strive for first place in *this*! The Saviour's repeated and last command, laid on all who should take His name, was this: LOVE ONE ANOTHER. How that solemn injunction has been respected is but too plainly seen in centuries of rivalry, antagonism, bitterness, ferocity, oppressions, inquisitions—