

and magnify His holy Name—ah! there is a glimpse of heavenly ritual, by the side of which even our most beautiful ritual and sublime symbolism must appear feeble and faint. We shall be all ritualists then, dear friends, in spite of ourselves. Our heavenly worship will be gloriously ritualistic, but we shall not think of the acts of ritual there. We shall be thinking of the Lamb upon the throne. Our earthly ritual is educating us for this sublime heavenly ritual, and we shall be best educated for heaven when our eyes stop not at an opaque, vision-absorbing ritual, but see through the clear magnifying crystal of true ritual, to the figure of the Son of Man.

Once a minister paid a visit to a deaf and dumb asylum in London, for the purpose of examining the children. On this occasion a little boy was asked in writing: "Who made the world?" The boy took up the chalk and wrote underneath the question: "In the beginning God created the heaven and earth." The minister then inquired, in a similar manner: "Why did Jesus Christ come into the world?" A smile of delight and gratitude rested on the countenance of the little fellow as he wrote: "This a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners." A third question was then proposed, eminently adapted to call his most powerful feelings into exercise, "Why were you born deaf and dumb, while I can hear and speak?" "Never," said an eye witness, "shall I forget the look of resignation and chastened sorrow which sat on his countenance as he took up the chalk and wrote: 'Even so, Father, for so it seemeth good in Thy sight.'"

WHY THE CHURCH IS CALLED CATHOLIC.

The Church is called Catholic, because it is throughout the world, from one end of the earth to the other; and because it teaches universally and completely one and all the doctrines which ought to come to man's knowledge, concerning things both visible and invisible, heavenly and earthly; and because it subjugates in order to godliness every class of men, governors and governed, learned and unlearned, and because it universally treats and heals every sort of sins, which are committed by soul and body, and possesses in itself every form of virtue which is named, both in deeds and words, and in every kind of spiritual gifts.—*St. Cyril.*

In the Church in the United States the clergy number 4,031; candidates for Orders 431, a gain of 25 per cent. over the last Triennial report; Communicants 488,167, a gain of 15 per cent.; Baptized 171,071, a gain of 10 per cent.; Confirmed 112,783, a gain of 32 per cent. in three years, which is very significant of the numbers coming into the Church, and of better work among our own catechumens by the clergy. The increase in contributions is over two millions of dollars. Thus the Church shows an uninterrupted growth in every way, and this knowledge is a very satisfactory result of the General Convention.

The condition of the Church in Wales is of so much interest just now that we propose to give, in four letters from various correspondents, a full account of Church work, past and present, in the Welsh dioceses.