

children of wrath (with whom God is displeased), we are by Baptism made the children of grace (with whom God is pleased)." Hence, the declaration that "children which are baptized, dying before they commit actual sin, are undoubtedly saved." (Office of Baptism, Catechism. Christmas Collect.)

THE PRAYER BOOK.

NOR is the Prayer Book to be pooh-poohed as a "merely human composition;" seeing that on all essential points of Faith and Practice it embodies the Apostolic teaching of the First Century, which was handed on with religious care from age to age, in every quarter of the globe the same. In the year 1070, the Salisbury version of this Liturgy, technically called the "Sarum Use," was carefully revised by Bishop Osmund of that See, and largely adopted throughout the country; until in 1549, having been again revised and translated, by our English Reformers, "by the aid of the Holy Ghost, with one uniform agreement concluded by them," it was re-issued in the Book of Common Prayer as the "one Use henceforth for the whole realm." [Act. of Uniformity. Preface to Pr. Bk.]

Our English Liturgy, therefore, was not by any means "a mere human composition, made up by the Reformers out of their own heads," but, like the Church itself, merely a new edition of the old; so that Cranmer was able to boldly challenge contradiction, when he offered to prove, that "the Order of the Church of England, set out by authority of K. Ed. vi., was the same as had been used in the Church for 1500 years past.

THE ART OF HAPPY LIVING.

THE divine art of happy living is to live as God's dear and blessed child. Your Father is so rich that He owns everything. He is so wise that He knows everything. He is so mighty that he can do everything. He is so generous that He will not withhold any good thing from them that love Him. He is so compassionate that He can never be indifferent to any pain or sorrow felt or feared by His child, Having such a Father to provide for every want, you can surely dismiss all care, you can silence every murmur, you can keep your heart in perfect peace. Toil, wait, suffer, as you can and must, but never fear, never complain. Let all that you lose and all that you gain, all that you suffer and all that you enjoy, make you live more like God's holy child.

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APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION.

APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION is the regular transmission from age to age of the Priestly Warrant given by Christ to His Apostles. [S. Matt. xxviii. 18—20]; each generation of Bishops carefully handing it on to the next by a solemn "Laying on of hands," as S. Paul did to Timothy and Titus; so that the Priestly Office of representing Christ in Sacramental ministrations, might, like the Bible, be transmitted by successive genuine copies of the the lost Divine original, "unto the end of the world."

"From the Apostles' times there have been these Orders of Ministers in Christ's Church, Bishops, Priests, and Deacons; which offices