

Observe, it is to pray for unity not according to our Will but *according to God's Will*. "And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything *according to His Will*, He heareth us." F.

#### TO THE EDITOR OF THE CHURCH CHRONICLE.

On Sunday, 30th September, I had the pleasure of being present at the Consecration of a New Church, at the Forks, near Windsor, and as a short account may be interesting to some of your readers, I shall endeavour to furnish it.—The day was all that could be desired, and a large number of persons were assembled to witness the solemn service. The first thing of course which one would notice is the church. The building consists of a nave and chancel, south porch and vestry, I do not know the dimensions, but should think it has from 180 to 200 kneelings,—the high-pitched roof, small Gothic windows and chancel, give it quite an ecclesiastical appearance; but it still needs the sacred emblem of our faith, to mark its being a christian building. However, as in his address the Bishop strongly recommended a cross upon the nave and chancel, alluding to the New Church in St. George's Parish as an example of how much they add to the appearance of a building, this want will doubtless soon be supplied. The interior looks very well, the roof is open and of stained wood, the windows of cathedral glass, the eastern one has a coloured border and the sacred monogram, the chancel is well raised, above the nave, the pulpit and prayer desk on their proper sides. There is as yet no font, but country parishes, I suppose have to get these things as they can afford them. The credence is conspicuous by its absence; so that oblations were brought from the vestry at the proper time, this, except at solemn services, when there are several assistants seems an inconvenient plan. The altar is very small, not nearly six feet long, and has not its three steps, but the small size of the sanctuary may account for their absence. There is no regular super-altar, but the shelf of the window might be made to answer for one. Making allowances for these defects, the interior as I have said looks well.

The consecration commenced by the Bishop, and the Archdeacon, being met at the church door by the Rev. Canon Hensley, and Rev. G. Hodgson,—the Bishop having assented to the petition, the procession moved up the church, xxiv psalm, being chanted for the processional. After a prayer the Bishop addressed the congregation, explaining the nature of the rite in which they were engaged. His lordship was as usual plain, earnest and practical. Some further consecration prayers then followed, when Rev. Mr. Hensley proceeded with mattins, there being proper psalms and lessons. After the third collect hymn 145 of hymns ancient and modern, was sung well and heartily. The litaney was said by Rev. G. Hodgson. The Introit and hymn before sermon were from the S.P.C.K. hymn book. The Bishop was celebrated assisted by the Archdeacon, as Epistoler. Although there were two other clergy present there was no Gospeller. Indeed any one disposed to criticise would probably have found some other things to find fault with at this part of the service. The office was commenced at the north end of the altar, instead of the north side as the rubric directs. Not one of the clergy turned to the east at the saying of the Nicene Creed, and the altar seemed to have lying on it more than the sacred vessels and the necessary office book. The Bishop preached from St. James, i. 22, urging upon the people, that they should be doers of the word heard in that place, and not hearers only,—his lordship particularly alluded to the awful neglect of our Blessed Lord's words, by the many who withdraw themselves from the Most Holy Sacra-