

Coverings and THE SACERDOTAL VESTMENTS; but these latter observances form part of an exact attention to the proprieties of Church customs which is not at present universal in the Church of England."⁽¹⁾

THE TRUE CROSS!—"The minor Festivals"—"The invention of the Cross is a perpetual memorial of the finding of our Lord's Cross by the Empress Helena, about A.D. 326"!!!⁽²⁾

"Holy Cross day was instituted as a memorial of the day on which the Empress Helena carried a portion of Christ's Cross to be set up in the great Church which she had built at Jerusalem."⁽³⁾

What does the Christian parent think of this Anglo-Catholic inculcation of the grossest follies of Romish superstition? No wonder that the Reformers, and the very names of the Reformation and Protestantism are hateful to such "false brethren."

The length to which the spirit of bigotry can carry people, and the folly of even speaking of union when such teaching is inculcated, may be shown very plainly by the following extract: Private Baptism—"If a Priest or Deacon cannot possibly be procured for this purpose in time, some man (or, if a man cannot be procured, a woman) should carefully pour water on the child. A Lay Churchman should do this rather than a dissenting Preacher; the former being a layman in Communion with the Church, the latter a layman in schismatical separation from it."!!!⁽⁴⁾

The painful surprise with which Christian parents perceive their daughter transformed from a simple worshipper, into one trained, in bowings, crossings, processions, and those outward observances which are found so often when the worship of the heart is wanting, would not be diminished when they came to examine what had been the teaching in respect of doctrine as well as of practice. If this class-book is attentively perused and its instruction followed, she will be found a believer in the Romish Doctrine of Transubstantiation. Mr. Blunt begins with this general statement—"This celebration of the highest rite of Christianity strikes the key note of the following week, and connects the other services with the intercession of Our Lord by drawing down His Sacramental Presence, and making it a ladder between earth and heaven."⁽⁵⁾ Again, "the Collect for the day connects the Daily Office with the Holy Eucharist from the cele-

(1) p. 130; (2) p. 135; (3) p. 135; (4) p. 81; (5) p. 22;