

if we may say so, a kind of malice in it which provokes the Manichean feeling in our nature, it is something which we should have a difficulty in making appear to any one else, any special trial. Compared with this inner grasp of some stroke of Providence, voluntary sacrifice stands outside of us. After all, the self-made trial is a poor disciplinarian weapon; there is a subtle, masterly, irritant and provoking point in the genuine natural trial, and in the natural crossness of events, which the artificial thing cannot manage; we can no more make our trials than we can make our feelings. In this way moderate deprivations are in some cases more difficult to bear than harder ones. And so it is often the case that what we *must* do as simply right, and which would not strike even ourselves, and still less anybody else, is just the hardest thing to do. A work of supererogation would be much easier.—*J. B. Mozley.*

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

THE Sunday School should not in any way interfere with the services or the attendance upon the services of the Church. It is intended to be the nursery, the handmaid of the Church, to instruct the young to more intelligently understand and appreciate her services and teaching. Consequently when by any means it comes to pass either that the one interferes with the other, or that the objects for which the school was brought into existence, are not being secured, a change becomes an absolute necessity.

The Sunday School, we need

hardly say, should be as far as possible under the personal supervision of the clergyman of the Parish. He should arrange the scheme of lessons, and know what kind of work is being done in it. None but communicants should be teachers, and if owing to unavoidable circumstances the case should be otherwise, no effort should be spared to bring those who are not to a sense of their duty. If God's work is to be done in the Sunday School as in the Church, it must be done in God's own way, and He will not bless the work of unhallowed and unconsecrated lives. If the teacher knows not the love of God in his or her heart, how can he or she tell God's love to the little lambs, and win them early to His service. A consecrated heart, however humble as regards this world's positions, is worth infinitely more than the most gifted person whose heart is yet unconverted.

Sunday School Teachers, yours is a noble, a glorious calling, very humbly seek God's wisdom and God's strength for your blessed work.

CONFIRMATION OR THE LAYING ON OF HANDS.

It is commonly called "apostolic," on account of its origin. When Philip, one of the Seven, went down to Samaria and preached the Gospel, many believed and were baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ. But the gift of the Holy Ghost was not given these new members of the Church. Shortly after, however, two of the Apostles, SS. Peter and John, came down to look after this new mission: "who prayed (for the new