

against a Separation from the Church of England.' Those reasons were never answered yet, and I believe they never will be.

"I am glad you have undertaken that labor of love, and I trust it will increase both your spiritual and bodily health.

"I am, my dear Miss Bishop, yours very affectionately

J. WESLEY."

In the year 1840 the late Mr. John Mills, on reperusing the letter, thought it of sufficient interest to be shown to some leading members of the Church of England without further publishing it at the time, so he sent it to the then Bishop of Exeter, Dr. Philpotts, who returned it with the following note of acknowledgment and thanks :

"LONDON, July 18th, 1840.

"SIR: I thank you very much for your permission to peruse the singularly interesting letter of Mr. Wesley's which you have transmitted to me. Your prohibition has been strictly observed, and I rejoice at reading the reasons on which that prohibition is founded—viz., your intention of publishing a series of letters from the same pen.

"I consider the document very singularly valuable. I return it with a strong sense of the favor conferred on me by the communication.

"I am, sir, your obliged and obedient servant,

H. EXETER.

"J. MILLS, Esq."

Mr. Mills, we are sorry to say, never carried out his intention of publishing the volume of letters to

which the bishop alluded, for, had he done so, the world would now be the richer by a very interesting and, we believe, important collection.—*The Church Times.*

ONE evening, we are told, after a weary march through the desert, Mahomet was camping with his followers and overheard one of them saying, 'I will loose my camel and commit it to God;' on which Mahomet took him up, 'Friend, tie thy camel, and commit it to God;' that is, do whatever is thine to do, and then leave the issue with God.

#### GODLY MONITIONS.

THE following monitions are from Bishop Coxe's "Thoughts on the Services:—

Prepare for Divine Service in your closet, not at your toilet.

It is well to be early at Church, if the time before service be devoutly employed in the use of the Prayer Book, or Bible, or in pious meditation.

Do not be afraid of making your devotions too long when you first bow your head on entering.

The Church is the House of God: why should you throw away one minute within its sacred walls. It is the Court of the Great King, who expects us to wait on Him in His Temple. Why should you forget that you are in His immediate presence, and have come to do Him homage?

Look over your Baptismal vows; your Confirmation promises: and use proper ejaculations, beseeching God for grace to keep them.

If you have God-children, now is