DEVOTIONS TO ST. JOSEPH. (From The Irish Ecclesiastical Journal.)

has a direct tendency to lead them, sooner or later, to effrontery of an undisguised profaneness? couragement to such abominable profaneness. In the Society. But, it may be urged, is it credible that the be done decently and in order." present paper, some further examples of popular Ro- | Court of Rome can countenance such extravagances? | Now we have just introduced into our own Church

telligible to those who are not familiar with such wri- Glories of St. Joseph." tings. It was this:

"O glorious tria on earth, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,

terious name of Trinity, which the Catholic Church soul. has, for so many ages, consecrated to the purpose of expressing the doctrine revealed in Holy Scrip- "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, may I expire in peace with and devotional uses. ture, respecting the incomprehensible nature of the you."-p. 231. Eternal Creator, was obvious enough. Few devout persons, it may be believed, could read such a piece bly a solitary instance; an example of impiety which few could be disposed to imitate: that the fanatical bounds of decency, and thus he adopted the word the word "Trinity" to its only lawful use and appli- and adorned.—"See, now," said he, "I dwell in a devices, both in their design and execution. cation. Unfortunately, these palliations have no founman] "Catholic Book Society, under the patronage better than a shed. of the [Roman] Catholic Bishops," is "The Life of the French, and revised by a [Roman] Catholic Priest. gorgeously adorned the Temple that he built. Dublin, 1838." At the end of this tract is "A Rule

It is the object of this paper to furnish the reader House of God."

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of a Christian reader:

"The Christian's Pious Address to Jesus, Mary, and

nity, which you imitate, adore, and glorify most worthily. "O holy Trinity of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, what honour and glory you render; what praises and benedictions you

Jesus, most amiable Mary, most worthy Joseph!"-pp. three Eternal Persons, and to devote, consecrate, and sa-

Majesty."—p. 223.

"May I be always, both in spirit and heart, with Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, and may Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, be for ever my treasure, my glory, my joy, and my refuge in all my necessities.

breasts, and most sacred heart, all your actions, virtues, to an open shame!

and sufferings in this life. "O Joseph! present to him, for the same intention, your hands and sweat, whereby you earned for his Son a

me with the triple benediction of the thrice holy Lord.
May Jesus replenish me with the benedictions he merited for me by his life and death. May Mary share with me my memory, my understanding, and my will; may they bless all my thoughts, words, and actions; may they take so absolute a possession of all that is in me, that I may totally belong to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, in life and death, in time and eternity; that I may adore, praise and love incessantly, and for ever, with this holy and blessed Trinity, the divine and eternal Trinity; and in fine, that I may employ and sacrifice with Jesus, Mary and Jo ing and all my life, to the glory of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, who live and reign

"Live Jesus, Mary, Joseph live, My soul in glory to revive, To Joseph, Mary, and the Son, Be glory given and praises sung. Father, Son, Spirit, one in three,

in perfect unity, for ever and ever. Amen.

To you I breathe eternally." A. M. D. G. [pp. 226, 227.

If this be Catholicity, then truly orthodoxy is a appropriate device or design, in fabric or construction, allow that any choice or discretion is permitted to us. The faith of appeties and the separation of the Elevente the work of the representation of the Elevente the representation of fable, and the faith of apostles and martyrs, and the to intimate its sacred and peculiar use. It presents to intimate its sacred and pecu confessions of the primitive saints, were the sickly the general appearance of a common table, and as In the last discourse, I dwelt on the strong proba
alteration or suppression which men might think it affording no slight evidence of the perpetuity, of the imports. But the language of these Epistles will not ravings of enthusiasm. If this be not formal idolatry, common a table-cloth, hastily borrowed for the occa- bility in favour of our three orders in the ministry, convenient to make. and formal blasphemy,—unmitigated, and undisguission from the Sexton's sitting-room, and bearing none derived from the striking analogies subsisting between the striking analogies subsisting betwe

In several papers which have appeared in this Jour- protect the church against such impieties, if the in- tageously be extended to its ordinary covering. nations of the earth. nal, the Editor has, from time to time, brought forward vocation of saints be tolerated under any form or Nothing of a merely domestic character is in keeping vocation of saints be tolerated under any form or Nothing of a merely domestic character is in keeping vocation of saints be tolerated under any form or Nothing of a merely domestic character is in keeping vocation of saints be tolerated under any form or Nothing of a merely domestic character is in keeping vocation of saints be tolerated under any form or Nothing of a merely domestic character is in keeping vocation of saints be tolerated under any form or Nothing of a merely domestic character is in keeping vocation of saints be tolerated under any form or Nothing of a merely domestic character is in keeping vocation of saints be tolerated under any form or Nothing of a merely domestic character is in keeping vocation of saints be tolerated under any form or Nothing of a merely domestic character is in keeping vocation of saints be tolerated under any form or Nothing of a merely domestic character is in keeping vocation of saints be tolerated under any form or Nothing of a merely domestic character is in keeping vocation of saints be tolerated under any form or Nothing of a merely domestic character is in keeping vocation of saints be tolerated under any form or Nothing of a merely domestic character is in keeping vocation of saints be tolerated under any form or Nothing of a merely domestic character is in keeping vocation of saints be tolerated under any form or Nothing of a merely domestic character is in keeping vocation of saints be tolerated under any form or Nothing of a merely domestic character is in keeping vocation of saints be tolerated under any form or Nothing of a merely domestic character is in keeping vocation. a variety of proofs of the idolatrous nature of the wora variety of proofs of the idolatrous nature of the wordisguise whatever. And after all, why should it be as Saviour, who acknowledge that he was the Son of tures. Paul and Barnabas, "when they had ordained suffering to offer another sacrifice and expiation for ship, which Romanists are in the habit of offering to surprising, that a pride, which insinuated itself under separate and peculiar to devotional purposes, as the God, and the messenger of his grace to the children "them Elders, in every Church, and had prayed with human guilt? Surely not: for this would put them the Virgin Mary. He has also, repeatedly and most the semblance of "a voluntary humility," should thoughts of the worshippers should be in the use of altogether upon a level with their Divine Master, and distinctly stated his conviction, that the teaching indistinctly stated his conviction, that the teaching inat the semblance of a voluntary fluming, should thought a level with their Divine Master, and
did, in virtue of this commission, after they were
"they believed. (Acts xiv. 23.") Many other pasat the same time declare the incompleteness of his culcated in the devotional books and tracts, at present duced to depart from the simplicity and uprightness every-day associations should obtain a permanent and endued with power from on high by the descent of sages might be produced, but it is not necessary. circulated among them by their clergy and prelates, of truth, and at last should stand forth in all the prominent location in the House of God.

"JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH."

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, assist me in my last agony.

ON CHURCH DECORATION.

humble and hidden life of the Sacred Trinity of the earth,

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, and unite your labours to theirs,

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, and unite your labours to theirs,

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, and unite your labours to theirs,

These two increases of Paul and Marking an

some extravagant superstition, by which Romanists furnish our kitchens. Archdeacon — once said supply our Churches with ingenious and appropriate ministry, and when they had prayed, laid their hands petuate its existence by a ministry, as duly authorized nary cases, and not to be used as precedents in the

Within these few weeks has been republished in Churches, at least, in proportion to the wealth and comfort of the people that shall resort thereto?" either way, though we certainly think there is more others. The following extracts, nothing but a sense of duty of God's House, for His sake, than in the careless or played in the externals of devotion, as well as to replayed in the externals of devotion, as well as to replayed in the externals of devotion, as well as to replayed in the externals of devotion, as well as to replayed in the externals of devotion, as well as to replayed in the externals of devotion, as well as to replayed in the externals of devotion, as well as to replayed in the externals of devotion, as well as to replayed in the externals of devotion, as well as to replayed in the externals of devotion, as well as to replayed in the externals of devotion, as well as to replayed in the externals of devotion, as well as to replayed in the externals of devotion, as well as to replayed in the externals of devotion, as well as to replayed in the externals of devotion, as well as to replayed in the externals of devotion, as well as to replayed in the externals of devotion, as well as to replayed in the external of the synagogue, disputing with him, were could warrant any one in obtruding on the attention Puritanical spirit, that would, "upon principle," nemember that "the King's daughter is all glorious "not able to resist the wisdom and spirit by which claim to the performance of such wonderful works?" is sent," "a messenger." minds, nothing will be deemed "indifferent," that In giving God "tithes of all," we would devote to death expressly because, contrary to their injunction.

Apostleship to Barnabas and Epaphroditus, we do not world! prostrate at your feet, in union of all the humility within curtains" of brick, lath, and plaster, is so far first-fruits of his creatures' ingenuity, that the genius will be found in the eighth chapter of the Acts, that is founded upon the present inability of those who "companion in labour, and fellow soldier," as well as word in absence and devotion of heaven and earth, I hail, honour and love and devotion, having somewhat whereof to offer, might of invention, have the invention of invention of invention of invention of inventi "O most venerable society of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph!" of the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto speak with tongues. Those on you and revere you as a most perfect image of the adorable society of the three eternal persons of the adorable society of the three eternal persons of the Division bill and adorable society of the three eternal persons of the Division bill and a plain, meagre, and severely simple, though less in the Acts, that they always exercised co-ordinate costly in material, than the ordinary apparel of his person. They are a sect who have monopolised all give; what respect and love you bear whilst on earth, formality in their own speech and apparel, and natuand now in heaven, to the divine Trinity of the Father, rally have none left for the service of God. But that Son, and Holy Ghost! O the joy it affords me. O may you be blessed eternally for so doing, most dearly beloved Christians, should in any way emulate their systematic contempt of every usage and appointment which "May all unite with you, O happy Trinity, to adore, the Church of Christ has in all ages held sacred and praise, and love with you the glorious Trinity of the essential,—that any of us should be found willing to crifice themselves with you to the glory of his Divine approximate the ecclesiastical anomaly which distinguishes their eccentric denominations, is matter of equal surprise and regret.

"the simpler the better," and the innovating spirit question, which has for about three centuries agitated "tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy sincere devotion to the interests of the Redeemer's byters enjoy the authority of calling others to the O Jesus! constantly offer your eternal Father, in my that commences its insidious attacks upon the exterbehalf, your most holy life and precious death, your sacred wounds and adorable blood, in satisfaction of all citadel of truth;—they who began with casting lots by him to this ministry, St. Paul adds, "Let them by him to this ministry, St. Paul adds, "Let them deeply they may be versed in their doctrine, and howcitadel of truth;—they who began with casting lots applied to the government or ministry of a Church, by him to this ministry, St. Paul adds, "Let them deeply they may be versed in their doctrine, and how- the Apostles; that they alone exercised it in the upon the Lord's vesture, are not far from the next and not to the particular doctrines or forms of worship "also first be proved; then let them use the office of ever freely they may have imbibed their spirit in other Scriptures, and finally transferred it, not to the pres-

versity of Oxford.

misunderstood if we express our decided conviction of ordaining and perpetuating the ministerial officers of not the deacons of the Scriptures. They do not bap- there are none to perform miracles and to speak with ment in the Church of Ephesus. It is true that the the great propriety and expediency of more attention his Church, we should feel obliged to admit, that tize, as did Philip. They do not preach the Gospel, tongues, neither can there be Presbyters, because they Apostolic character of Timothy is denied by the op-

covered with a common coarse material, without any decisive authority in Scripture for either, we cannot what right or authority can they advance for making no one office in particular, but is equally applicable to Supper of the Lord.

mish theology will be presented to the reader's conIf there be any such thing as a living head and an a plain, yet decent, crimson damask cloth, at a very and see if it does not in all particulars correspond the lifetime of the Apostles; none can or do deny it. Saviour to have promised that he would be, unto the infallible guide, is not here something to call forth moderate cost, with the sacred monogram I H S with our own. I shall commence the comparison with Their office is universally acknowledged to have been end of the world—for the world yet exists, and in the In the first volume of this Journal (p. 419), a past the thunder of the Vatican? a "nodus vindice dig-placed in the centre of a glory, and woven in the the lowest order. sage was quoted from the treatise of the Scapular, and the Scapular, and the Scapular, appearing both in the front and on the least, the analytic appear, that during their existence at least, the analytic appear, that during their existence at least, the analytic appear, that during their existence at least, the analytic appear, that during their existence at least, the analytic appear, that during their existence at least, the analytic appear ap which, most probably, may have appeared scarcely inwell to make one more short extract from "The logy drawn from the Jewish Priesthood is perfect and the office they sustained, and consider that as continued "Pius VII. by a decree of the 28th April, 1807, granted ment; adding a napkin, or "corporal," to cover the "where he shall be appointed to serve, to assist the Levite. "O glorious tria on earth, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, how dear a family to the glorious Trinity in heaven, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! nothing is on earth so great, the floor of the product of the produ good, so excellent!"

and if only one of them is said an indulgence of 100 days,
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of the pattern of the ancient encourse with the Hoor of "ministereth the holy communion, and to help him and all applicable to the souls in purgatory. "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I offer you my heart and of the pattern of the ancient encaustic tiles; and "tures and Homilies in the Church; and to instruct on the contrary, deny this supposed termination, and But these, it may be said, are mere inferences.—

author of it seemed himself to feel some misgivings, House of God, the largest contribution on record in whom we take this opportunity of expressing our "I will do so by the help of God." the annals of human liberality. There is a beautiful thanks, for the zeal he has exhibited in promoting But where is the authority for all this; for ordain- and temerity to deny, its truth.

How it is possible for any young person to adopt a Thousands and tens of thousands shall be willingly these details of the sanctuary, when an intelligent "Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas, a our Lord. And read it as often as you will, it will be number, or person, or time. They were not of the rule of life couched in such language, and at the same expended on the erection of a Town-hall, Exchange, trader is seen to make Ecclesiastical furniture a lead- "proselyte of Antioch; whom they set before the found to contain no allusion to miraculous powers— twelve first selected by Christ. For a long period time retain an orthodox faith in the Holy Trinity, is day profess and when they had prayed, they laid or to any thing which is not at this very day profess after the Saviour expired upon the cross, the former not very obvious. But surely, it must appear evident, of it were asked for the House of God, every mouth encouragement to induce him to persevere. We wish "their hands on them." even on a very little consideration, that language so is opened in denunciation of the extravagant expendihim all the success which his judicious efforts have

And now in justification of our Church; if it be of Christ. It only in general terms directs the Eleven to to the faith he afterwards so nobly preached and extraordinary was very unlikely to have appeared in a control of c work of mere popular instruction, if there had not been churches, with which we should often hesitate to sanction by their patronage his liberal exertions to that the Apostles appointed men to this office and to admit the members therein by Baptism, and to per-

PLAIN DISCOURSES

CHURCH GOVERNMENT: (Being the substance of Sermons on the same subject, by G. T. Chapman, D.D., late Rector of Christ's Church, Lexington, U. S.)

SERMON III. SAME TEXT.

We have now arrived at that stage in the discussion

"O Mary! offer him for the same end your sacred step of crucifying the Lord himself, and putting him which it embraces. An Episcopalian is one who "a Deacon, being found blameless." believes in the Divine institution of three orders in And now let me ask, Have you not here a hody fees as freely as they profess the opposite—cherishing, Apostleship. To prove this, we have both the nega-We have been led into these reflections from the the Christian ministry, having a Bishop for the first of scriptural evidence upon this subject, which is utinspection of some very beautiful devices for the Altar and highest. A Presbyterian denies this distinction terly at variance with the idea of there being but them, which imputes no evil intention, even when it single instance of Presbyterian ordination can be and Pulpit cloths of Churches, a notice of which will of three orders, and contends that there is but one, one order of Christ's ministers? and which proves, perceives a plain departure from Divine Institutions. found; and the positive, which shows that all ordina-"O Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, most blessed Trinity! bless be useful to the readers of the Midland Monitor. the order of a Presbyter—a word of the same mean-The character of our publication is now too well ing as that of Priest or Elder. This statement of the con, as exercised in our Church, is conformable, in established to render us liable to the suspicion of in- case may serve to remove the erroneous impression every particular, to the model furnished by the Aposthe blessed fruit of her sacred womb. May Joseph imthe blessed fruit of her sacred womb. May Joseph imthe blessed fruit of her sacred womb. May Joseph imof our Church, commended, and in some instances
the blessed fruit of her sacred womb. May Joseph imfrom the source of all authority to justify her course

In the last discourse, after proving from the Scripin the last discourse are few in number, and on this account in the minds of many, that the advocates of the scription of the seven deacons, who were never known to in reality, were you to divide the Christian world into But what can the advocates of parity say in justi- and showing both from the Scriptures and by admis- perform the like ceremony. The Apostles, Paul and We are no advocates of their peculiar views, and do twenty equal parts, eighteen, if not nineteen twentieths fication of their principle and practice? It is not sion the equally authorized office of a Presbyter or Barnabas "ordained them Elders in every Church" not wish to be thought to sympathise with them, ex- would be found to be Episcopalian. We do not, enough to say that there are Deacons in their con- Elder, some observations were made upon the highest (Acts xiv. 23.) who were equally scrupulous with the

In many cases, the Altar-table, for instance, is the other. If on the other hand there be full and as were all those ordained by the Apostles. And them, are recorded in the Scriptures.

any real existence. And yet truly it remains to be ciple that appoints a peculiar shape and significancy mission which they received from their Lord after his Paul—"they that have used the office of a Deacon death for every man, and, by that death upon the discovered, how it is, or ever could be, possible, to to the vessels used in the Altar-service, may advandes to themselves a good degree, (1. Tim. eross, to make a full and complete atonement for sin,

renounce the doctrines of the Incarnation, and the But then, it may be asked, is it possible that men ternal ceremony and form will necessarily superin- as if it had been performed by our blessed Saviour in us and our brethren of other denominations. All to build up the Church and establish its ministry pernicious books are examined, the more firm will be pernicious books are examined, the more firm will be tion to such atrocious impiety? To be sure, there is the only order of Christ's ministers; Apostles, so they by his commission were empowered the persuasion of every devout and sound-minded the persuasion of every devout Christian, that it is scarcely possible to over-state list of cheap books distributed under the patronage of produce the feeling that tends to edification,—but fore, are to be viewed as his, and their injunctions and without valid authority to perform the rite of on their part to transmit it ad infinitum. their impiety, or to over-estimate their mischievous their archbishops and bishops in Ireland: and the we also know that God is pleased to work by means, claimed the submission of mankind on his, not on ordination. effects: and, by consequence, that it is equally diffiquotations in this article have been made from a new and frequently honours the humblest instruments; their own, authority. They attempted nothing but I persuade myself that you will allow what has been which it is derived, and it is verified by the latter

selves invariably declared.

It certainly looks like a dawn of improvement in "the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and commission which constituted them the Apostles of dict the idea of the apostolic office being limited as to

"he spake" (Acts vi. 8-10), and was afterwards put I take it for granted that you are not; and that the And here, let me remark, that in extending the temporary in its nature, and not designed to be per- will.

cult to guard too anxiously against any leaning or tenedition published but this very year, and from a copy and that it was His Holy Spirit that directed the through his power. They did nothing, but what he said to be a complete proof of the two orders of Priest clause of their grand commission, as it is given in St. dency towards a system, which gives favour and enbought at the office of the [Roman] Catholic Bible Apostle to enjoin upon the Churches that "all things had expressly directed them to do—as they themand Deacon having been instituted by the Apostles. Matthew. "Lo, I am with you always, even unto Let us proceed then to the more interesting question- "the end of the world." (xxviii. 20.) Individually Let us examine then the ministry they established, Was there another? Undoubtedly there was during and personally with them, we cannot suppose our superior to either of the others, and thus it would world, those Apostles no longer live, and move and in damask, bearing the same device, we have displaced addresses the candidate in these words,—"It apper- entire. The Apostle was the Antitype of the High from their age to our own, and destined to continue

"things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name the next discourse to prove that it never has been in the Acts, that they always exercised co-ordinate "of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and wo- abolished, but still continues to exist; and that we power and jurisdiction to the very moment when "the

petuated in the Church of Christ? We answer, that In the mean time, let me again assure you that in "parted asunder one from the other." (Acts xv. 39.) it was first established, because the number of the the prosecution of this enquiry, my only object is to We read, that at this separation, Barnabas took Mark, disciples was multiplied, and that this reason for its confirm your belief in the Apostolic character and and that Paul chose Silas, and that neither arrogated existence is far more obvious at present, that it was authority of the ministry of the Church to which we to himself the right or the power of regulating the at the period of its original institution. We also find all belong; and that if by the nature of my argument conduct, or controlling the opinions of the other. that long after this, St. Paul addressed one of his I am compelled, by inference at least, to question the It will now be necessary to remind you of one of Epistles "to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are validity and authority of any other system of Church the most material points, connected with this discus-"at Philippi, with the Bishops and Deacons." We Government, I entirely disclaim any intention to hurt sion. They, who claim that Presbyters are now the of Church Government, when it will be necessary to find him in another directed to Timothy, writing thus: the feelings of any Christian, or to derogate in the only order of ministers in Christ's Church, are redu-Let us once give way to the principle in Churches, be a little more explicit upon the true nature of the "Likewise must the Deacons be grave, not double slightest degree from his attainments in grace, or his ced to the necessity of maintaining, that those Pres-"lucre; holding the mystery of the faith in a pure kingdom. On this point, I am fully persuaded that same office, by the imposition of hands. We, on the points. And this persuasion I claim the right to pro- byters, but to their immediate successors in the

SERMON IV.

tures the Divine Institution of the office of a Deacon, vi.6.) upon the seven deacons, who were never known to cept in such few simpler particulars, which we hold in however, advance this as an argument for the truth of gregations as well as in our own. The office is recommon. We think they have carried their sense of our persuasion—being well aware that error is as cognised by them only in name. They do not allow objection to its continued existence, which is founded power. what is desirable, in reference to the subject of this likely as truth to have a multitude of supporters. them to be Ministers of the Gospel, for that would upon the acknowledged absence of supernatural gifts, Essay, to the same excess that, in our humble judg- We make our appeal to the Scriptures, and are add a second order to their ministry, and prove an on the part of those, who now claim to exercise its we must refer to the Epistles to Timothy and Titus, ment, marks the general tenour of their speculations. content to stand or fall by the result. If it could be obvious surrender of their favourite doctrine that powers. It was then shewn, I trust to your satisfac- particularly those addressed to Timothy, which clearly Under the shelter of this protest, we must not be shown that God has instituted no peculiar system of there should be but one. Those nominal deacons are tion, that if at this time there are no Apostles, because show that he exercised Apostolic power and governbeing paid to the decent furniture and homogeneous there ought to be no dispute on this subject, that as did Philip and Stephen. They were not separated are now similarly incapacitated, although instances of ponents of Episcopacy, who are anxious to have it either of these modes of government is as lawful as to this office and ministry, by the imposition of hands, the same powers having been once conferred upon believed that he was only a presbyter or at most an

of the external emblems of a table sacred to the the Jewish and Christian Churches, at the first formatous which we apply indiscriminately the name of Priest, "hath sent me even so send I you." What does this "that thou stir up the gift of God which is in thee by

ed,—it seems impossible that such crimes can have This we cannot think desirable. The same prin- the acts of the Apostles in pursuance of that Com- lowest order, upon the principle advanced by St. his Son to be the Saviour of the world, to taste of iii. 13.,") in other words, are worthy of promotion. therefore Christ sent the eleven to work out the rethe Holy Ghost, in relation to the Church and its The institution of this office by the Apostle is not those acts of the ministry, which the eleven exercised It is not hereby implied, that this attention to ex- ministry, is equally binding and imperative upon us, denied. There is here no difference of opinion between in Christ's stead. We consider that they were sent Holy Trinity, as mythological fables. The more these of station in the Romish hierarchy can give any sanc- duce the devout and spiritual frame of mind, to person. They went forth as his Ambassadors to admit its original existence. They, however, con-

the old, unmeaning linen, for the use of the Sacra- "taineth to the office of a Deacon, in the Church Priest; the Elder, of the Priest; and the Deacon, of by an uninterrupted succession to the end of time;

have, we trust, by these simple alterations, rendered "the youth in the Catechism; in the absence of the maintain, as all antiquity were accustomed to maintain, The perpetuity of the apostolic office is no where, in our humble Chancel more in keeping with its solemn "Priest to baptize infants, and to preach if he be that the office still exists, in the person of every regu- so many words, announced. We reply that if this "admitted thereto by the Bishop. And, further- larly ordained Bishop. And if this position should objection be valid, it can be urged as strongly against We think it due to the enterprising inventor of "more, it is his office, when provision is made, to excite surprise in any of you, as perhaps it may, that every order of the Priesthood, and would thus leave these improvements, and we also think we shall be "search for the sick, poor, and impotent people of the circumstance will be alone a sufficient proof of the the Church without a single authorized minister of doing good service to the Clergy, to Churchwardens, "Parish, to intimate their estates, names, and places expediency of making, as I now do, the Christian Christ. We appeal also to the Scriptures, and before of profanity without horror and amazement. The (By the Rev. J. B. Owen, M. A., Incumbent of St. Mary's, and others interested in the comely decoration of "where they dwell, unto the Curate, that by his ministry occasionally a subject of discourse. I hope the close of that period of ecclesiastical history, which Churches, to state that the whole of these alterations "exhortation they may be relieved with the alms of soon to produce such evidence in its favour from the they embrace, can exhibit the names of other apostles cost only a few pounds, and may be procured from Mr. "the Parishioners or others: Will you do this gladly Scriptures and the writers of the primitive Church, than those originally appointed by our Saviour. The David, as an individual, gave towards building a Gilbert J. French, of Bolton-le-Moors, Lancashire, to "and willingly? To which the candidate answers— as will make it to you matter of surprise, not that we very first act performed by the Eleven after the ascenshould affirm, but that any should have the confidence sion of Jesus, was to supply the vacancy occasioned by the treason and death of Judas. In relation to inplicity in his view of the spirit and manner in which the improvement of every branch of Church furni- ing a Deacon, and specifying these duties, as apper- But before I proceed to adduce this evidence I must two candidates selected for this purpose, "they pray-"tria" in the former part of his sentence, and reserved the earthly dwelling of the Most High should be built ture. We entertain the highest admiration of the taining to his office? You will find it in various clear the way for it by this remark. That this "ed and said—Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts parts of the New Testament, and particularly in the acknowledged cessation of the supernatural powers "of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within cur- That we do not stand alone in this high sense of 6th ch. Acts of the Apostles,—" And in those days, with which the Apostles were at first endowed, is no "chosen. And they gave forth their lots: and the dation. Instances still more shocking are but too date and the disciples was multiplied, valid argument of the office itself having ceased to "lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with easily found. One of the little books, for example, the servant should be lodged in a sumptuous palace, the fact which we have learned during the past week, "there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against exist. For if you refer to their original commission, "the eleven Apostles." (Acts i. 24, 6.) He shared and the Master in a wooden tabernacle, in something that he has supplied above six hundred Churches with "the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected you will find in it no allusion to those extraordinary their title and power. He was no more inferior to the above articles, in one form or other, during the "in the daily ministration. Then the Twelve called gifts—and that every thing it enjoined could be per-When Solomon carried into execution the magnifi- past year. His improvements have been adopted in "the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, formed without them. It is thus recorded by St. Christ in person. And was not Paul inducted into Teresa, the Virtuous Dress-maker, translated from cent designs of his father, he in his wisdom and piety "the Temple Church," and "the Chapel Royal," "it is not reason that we should leave the word of Matthew: "Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, the same office? Was not he equal to his brethren, "God, and serve tables. Wherefore, Brethren, look "All power is given unto me in Heaven and in earth. who repeatedly styles himself "an apostle of Jesus I think we are too apt, in these days, to content We understand Mr. French is now engaged in pre- "ye out among you seven men of honest report, full "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing "Christ by the will of God."; (1 Cor. i. 1. 2 Cor. of Life for Young Persons," the seventh section of ourselves with merely building Churches, while the paring very rich linens, suited to the "decorated" "of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may ap"them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and i. 1 &c.) who expressly says—"I suppose I was not decent and decorous adorning of the House of God is period of our Church architecture; and, from the "point over this business; but we will give ourselves "of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all "a whit behind the very chiefest apostles"; (2 Cor. "Repine not at your obscure state, calling to mind the suffered to be neglected. A plainness, amounting opinions of those gentlemen to whom the drawings continually unto prayer, and to the ministry of the "things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo! xi. 5.) and again "are they ministers of Christ? (I

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, and unite your labours to theirs, that they may be the more acceptable to the divine Mathematical and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of "world." (St. Matt. xxviii. 18, 20.) This was the "world." (St. Matt. xxviii. 18, 20.) This was the "hour labours to theirs, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of "world." (St. Matt. xxviii. 18, 20.) This was the "hour labours to theirs, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of "world." (St. Matt. xxviii. 18, 20.) This was the "hour labours to their the advanced taste and knowledge in these matters."

wise the most thoughtless Christian must have revolted Church stoves, which often stretch across a congregation and keeping clean, Deacons? Because it is a name derived from a The miraculous powers were conferred upon them at a names to present to you. In the 14th Acts, Diteach others, as they themselves were authorized. future organization of the ministry, we have other with horror and disgust. This language then, would with land comly adorning of Churches," we read, "If a Greek word which expresses the duty they have to subsequent period; and had they never been conseem to have its rise in the idolatrous veneration, soot,) "Gentlemen, I have seen a monster in your man's private house, wherein he dwelleth, be decayed, perform, and in the 1st Epis. to Timothy, we find St. ferred, they could still have taught all that their Evangelists, under the idea that they were Gods in the which some of their religious orders pay to Joseph, Churches which none of you would tolerate in your he will never cease till it be restored again; how Paul giving thin certain directions about the office of master commanded, they could still have baptized and likeness of men, "which when the Apostles, Barnabas drawing-room, yet it seems a welcome guest in the much more, then, ought the House of God, which we a Deacon. The beaked, Why should they attend ordained. Not indeed with the same power and succommonly call the Church, to be sufficiently repaired to the sick, poor, and impotent people of the Parish? cess; \*(for they would then have wanted that sensible "in among the people, erying out and saying, Sirs, with some proofs of the existence of this superstition, with some proofs of the existence of this superstition, and to be honourably adorned and It is in conformity to the original cause of their apdue attention should be paid to the adorning of garnished; and to be kept clean and sweet, to the pointment, the "murmuring of the Grecians against their supernatural endowments afforded, and which fore, was an Apostle. In this case and some others, by "the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in were so evidently necessary in the then existing state that title, his name is associated with, and even pre-Dublin, a book which has for several years appeared standing of the vicinities in which they are located. I This sentiment embodies our view of the matter, "the daily ministration" of charitable relief (Acts vi. 1). of the world)—but still the duties of their office might cedes that of the great Apostle to the Gentiles. But in the list of books sold and circulated at reduced am fully aware that the true and spiritual ornament of and we do not hesitate to commend the consideration and we do not hesitate to commend the consideration and we do not hesitate to commend the consideration and we do not hesitate to commend the consideration and their admirable qualification. Sermons in the Church, and to instruct youth in the tions were no more indissolubly attached to that office, of some, that this office itself was restricted, and inoutward adorning," "but the hidden man of the heart;" It is one thing to attach an undue importance to Catechism, and to preach the Gospel, if admitted than were the similar extraordinary endowments of capable of being transmitted to others? How, also, "The Glories of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Ever Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Chiefly It is because the first seven Deacons were to be men, full of St. Paul's Epistle to the Philippians (chap. 2, v. 25)—

To be divert adorning, "but the midden manor the heart, but superstition may be exhibited as much in excessive these things, and it is another thing to attach an under manor the heart, but superstition may be exhibited as much in excessive these things, and it is another thing to keep them in these things, and it is another thing to keep them in these things, and it is another thing to keep them in these things, and it is another thing to keep them in the eart, but superstition may be exhibited as much in excessive these things, and it is another thing to keep them in the eart, but superstition may be exhibited as much in excessive these things, and it is another thing to keep them in these things, and it is another thing to keep them in these things, and it is another thing to keep them in the eart, but superstition may be exhibited as much in excessive these things, and it is another thing to keep them in the eart, but superstition may be exhibited as much in excessive these things, and it is another thing to keep them in these things, and it is another thing to keep them in these things, and it is another thing to keep them in these things, and it is another thing to keep them in these things, and it is another thing to keep them in the extraordinary endowments of the extraordinary opposite extreme of laying stress upon decoration. expedient. It exhibits slovenliness where it is least the Holy Ghost and wisdom, and because it is said, and Deacons, and even private Christians also appear "I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, There is nothing religious in the things themselves venial in itself, and most mischievous to the habits of immediately after their ordination, that Stephen, one to have shared with the Apostles in these miraculous "my brother, and companion in labour, and fellow of their number, "full of faith and power, did great gifts. Are you then prepared to deny that the primi- "soldier, but your messenger," (i.e.) your Apostle, religion in a due and decent attention to the adorning We love to see "the beauty of holiness" diswonders and miracles among the people, so that tive office of Presbyter or Deacon any longer exists, for that is the word in the original, although it is here

> this title applied to Barnabas and Paul conjunctively; "men." (5,12.) If it should be asked, Was not the office may fully rely upon the word of Christ that it always contention" concerning the conduct of the Evangelist Mark, "was so sharp between them, that they de-

> > tions were performed by the Apostles in personeither by the Twelve, or by Paul called to be an

tion of the latter; I shall now proceed to consider Presbyter, and Elder. They are taken from the mean? Does it mean that—because the Father sent "the putting on of my hands" (2 Tim. i. 6), and

† A Jesuit, who died in 1661. See Moreri: and Pascal's Provincial Letters. Lett. IX.