

The Bishop of Manchester attended service on Sunday, April 16,—which was the Greek Easter Day—at the Greek Church in Manchester. The Archimandrite, alluding to Dr. Moorhouse's presence, expressed his warm desire for the reunion of Christendom. The Greek Church is a branch of the Catholic Church with which English Churchmen could well unite at least theoretically. The friendly attitude of the Greek Church towards the Anglican is in striking contrast to that of the Roman branch.

Dr. Durnford, the venerable Bishop of Chichester, is more than a rival of Mr. Gladstone as "an old man eloquent." Though in his ninety-first year, he preached a long and excellent sermon at the consecration of the new church at Holt, Sussex, built by Mr. Oswald Smith to the glory of God and in memory of his deceased wife. His voice showed no sign of failure, and, what is more remarkable, he reads without the aid of glasses.

At a meeting of Nonconformists at Carnarvon, Wales, Mr. Robert Williams (Independent) proposed, Mr. J. W. Jones (Wesleyan) seconded, the following resolution, which was carried unanimously:

"That this meeting of the members of the denominational churches of Carnarvon enters its protest against the Welch Suspensory Bill as being unchristian and iniquitous in character, contrary to our sense of justice and right, and calculated to cripple the Welch churches, and that without conferring any corresponding benefit upon any religious denomination or any class of the community."

The Bungay (England) School Board election, which took place last month, was fought entirely on the question of Bible teaching. For many years the Dissenters have been in a majority on the board, and have allowed no religious instruction. On this occasion there were five candidates (members of the Church of England), all pledged to Bible teaching, and five Dissenters and Secularists opposed to it. Three of those latter five have been rejected; the other two have come in at the bottom of the poll. The five Church candidates have all been returned, the new vicar, the Rev. Dr. Allan, late of St. James's, Bermondsey, heading the poll.

At the Albert Hall, on May 16, the speakers are the Primate, Lord Selborne, Professor Jebb, Mr. Bosworth Smith, Alderman Phillips, the Duke of Argyll, the Archbishop of York, the Bishops of Durham and Manchester, Sir John Mowbray, and one other. Here the competition for places is very great, and the managers have decided that for those who wish for a reserved seat the boxes shall be set apart at a fixed charge. Every other seat in the hall, except those retained for the elected churchwardens and the specially invited guests, will be free to Churchmen, to whom places will be assigned in the order of application.

"HOLY FATHER" AND "THE QUEEN."

The Church Review, London, Eng., of April 20, says:

Yesterday week our Roman Catholic Lord Mayor entertained Cardinal Vaughan and the Bishops of the Italian Mission at the Mansion House. In proposing the toast of the Queen, he said that, adopting the usage in many of the City companies of coupling together "Church and Queen," he would propose that of the "Holy Father and the Queen." This was met

by a few cries of "No, no," and the Chief Magistrate was questioned about his course of action next day. We are of opinion that there is a difference between "Church and Queen," and the toast which the Lord Mayor proposed, inasmuch as the Pope claims a temporal sovereignty and the power of depriving kings of their crowns. Had he proposed "The Catholic Church and the Queen" we could have understood it; but there is much to be said for the protests which have been made against what is regarded as a slight to the Queen. Most of the papers on Thursday spoke of the prelates who met the Cardinal at the banquet as the "Catholic Bishops," and we are glad to see that, in the *Standard* at least, protests have been recorded against giving them a title which belongs to the Bishops of the Church of England.

The Family Churchman, London, 21st April: "The Bishop of Rome hath no jurisdiction in this realm of England." It is necessary to sound an alarm, therefore, when we find the Lord Mayor of London in his official capacity putting the Pope first and the Queen second in the disloyal toast which he submitted to the gathering of Roman Catholics last week at the Mansion House. With the object of that gathering we have no quarrel. The Lord Mayor was perfectly justified in honouring his co-religionists if he thought fit to do so; but he was not justified in taking advantage of the high position in which his fellow-citizens have placed him to publicly affront their loyal convictions. There is no portion of the Queen's dominions more devoted to Her Majesty than the City, and for its Chief Magistrate to thus give precedence to a foreign priest must of necessity be resented. Taken alone this incident might have passed perhaps; but following as it does upon Cardinal Vaughan's public insult to our Church at Cardiff—and the Cardinal was the Lord Mayor's most honoured guest—there can be little doubt that the insult to the Queen was a studied one. Straws show which way the wind is blowing, and it is necessary for us, both as loyal subjects of Her Majesty and as loyal Churchmen, to protest against this new Papal aggression.

ROYALTY AND ROME.

The "faith" of Romanists in the really blasphemous claims of the Pope, is hardly more wonderful than the apparent inability of our leading secular newspapers to understand that such a "faith" exists.

The other day the Lord Mayor of London, most consistently, and acting in thorough accord with the teaching of his "faith," proposed as a toast—"The Holy Father and the Queen." The secular papers have since expressed their surprise. But what else could the Lord Mayor have done? The wonder is that he could bring himself to add the Queen's name at all to that of "the Holy Father"—"the great Head of the Church, the Vicegerent of the King of Kings, seated on Rome's heights in incense-laden atmosphere"—as he had described him in his speech. The Queen is, in Rome's estimate, "a heretic;" and it is only because "Giant Pope" lacks the power that she is not already dethroned. Archbishop Manning meant what *Rome* means when he said—"The supremacy of the Vicar of Jesus Christ is as full of life now as when Henry III. resisted Clement VII., and Elizabeth withstood Pius V." And Mr. Purcell, his friend, explaining his words, said no more than *Rome* says to-day:—"The election of a Prince cannot be put in the category of a thoroughly civil act. If, therefore, an heretical prince is elected or succeeds to the throne, the

Church"—Rome—"has a right to say, *I annul the election, and I forbid the succession.* If a king falls into heresy, it is in the power of the Church to *depose* such a person in punishment of his *spiritual* crime." In even plainer terms, if possible, Dr. Manning added: "The right of deposing kings is *inherent* in the supreme sovereignty which the Popes, as the vicegerents of Christ, exercise over all nations."

When will English Protestants understand the meaning of plain words? When will English newspapers in a Protestant country understand what the Prince Consort so truly termed Rome's "assertion of a right to *unqualified supremacy over the State.*" Rome is aiming at this "supremacy" over the Queen and over England; and the Sovereign Rome cannot dethrone she is trying to compliment and allure. And so the Lord Mayor, in the presence of one Ecclesiastic who has usurped the foreign title of "Prince" in the Queen's dominions without the Royal sanction, and of many of her Bishops who would if they could depose Her Majesty, went so far as to couple the name of the heretic Queen with that of "the Holy Father!" The act was one of *condescension*—a kind of recognition or acknowledgment of what his lordship was pleased to misrepresent as "the *homage* and respect the Queen, with all her Catholic people, had recently offered to the Vicegerent of God!"

We are glad the *Globe* is Protestant enough to tell its readers: "The Queen of these realms owes and pays *homage* to no potentate whatever;" but why proceed to suggest, by way of excuse for the Lord Mayor, that he "more than probably allowed his better judgment to be overruled by ecclesiastical influence," and then express the "doubt whether he fully appreciated the meaning of his words?" The Lord Mayor is not a simpleton; and the cheers of "Cardinal" Vaughan and his Bishops declared only too plainly that they endorsed to the full every word he had uttered.

We abstain from further comment. We have no wish to say one word of Rome that Rome would not say of and for herself. Her blasphemous claim to be "THE BODY OF CHRIST" accounts for all. But we ask our readers to notice well, that, apart from Rome's treason against Christ and the fatal influence she exercises over the spiritual interests of mankind, this claim to be "THE BODY OF CHRIST" necessarily involves also a Pontifical *jure Divino*, jurisdiction over kings and rulers, utterly inconsistent with civil and religious liberty. For once Mr. Gladstone was right when he said: "No one can become her convert (Rome's convert) without renouncing his moral and mental freedom, and placing his civil loyalty at the mercy of another."—Proposition 3, *Vaticanism*, p. 12.) Mr. Gladstone may since have contradicted himself, but human changes do not affect the eternity of truth.—C. B., in *The News*, London, Eng.

"PERILOUS TIMES HAVE COME."

For the past few weeks the prayer in the Church services for the High Court of Parliament has been used regularly in our church and the question may be asked why is it now read? And our reason is, that we believe that there has not been, during the century, a more urgent need of fervent heartfelt prayer to God, "to direct their consultations to the good of Thy Church, the safety, honour and welfare of our Sovereign and her Dominions." For measures are being forced through that Parliament, by a majority of Irish votes calculated to inflict a deadly blow on a large section of the Church, the bulwark and glory of England and also to destroy the unity of the Empire, by cutting off Ireland, thus revolutionising the relations of