

IN the baptism of an infant there is the outward and visible sign, and seal, and authoritative declaration, of the grace of which the child is a partaker through our Lord Jesus Christ. The baptism of water is a symbol of the real baptism of the Holy Ghost, whereby the child is made a subject of the Kingdom of Heaven. There may sometimes, very properly, be serious doubts about the propriety of baptizing some *adult* persons. But there never need be a doubt as to the propriety of baptizing an infant, "*because they are saved*"—of such is the Kingdom.

*Le Christianisme au XIX. Siècle* informs its readers that Père Hyacinthe is now in London, and suggests "that he seems ready to regulate his course in the only manner which appears logical." "Every one knows," says the *Christianisme*, "that he admits the Anglican Church within the number of the three Catholic Churches which have preserved the traditions which in his eyes are of necessity. Now it is certain that at present the Roman Church will not reform herself sufficiently to admit of his return to her communion. To become of the Greek Church would be no better. It remains then, not that he should become English, but that he should place himself under the direction of a committee of members of that Church, who would allow Père Hyacinthe to enjoy the gifts with which God has endowed him for the evangelization of France."

ANOTHER SECESSION FROM THE "REFORMED EPISCOPALIANS."—The inconsistencies of this new movement are bearing fruit in the seces-

sion of its ministers in all directions. For a body of one hundred ministers, all told, these secessions are curiously frequent. The latest seceder has gone into the Protestant Episcopal Church, evidently thinking that the "Reformers" have not sufficiently "reformed." We quote from the Chicago correspondence of the *Standard of the Cross*: "The Rev. Mr. Cowan, recently a minister of the Reformed Episcopal Church, was confirmed last evening in the Cathedral, (Chicago,) by Bishop M'Laren. He came to the Reformers from the Presbyterians." Since *Church Work* has been in existence, we have known of eight ministers of the *R. E. Society*, who have withdrawn from its ranks after a very brief trial of this "Happy Family" of the discontented of all denominations. Possibly there may be more.

IN a recent letter from Mississippi to the *Churchman* we find the following: Among the few left in Grenada is the Rev. W. C. McCracken, deacon in charge of the parish there. Honor his name. for young as he is, he has done and is doing a noble and glorious work there—the only clergyman I believe, who has the courage to stay and do his duty, and it is no small thing, when every one—every one—in Grenada taken with the disease, has died. Even the great plague in London was not so virulent as this, for a large proportion then recovered.

BISHOP WHITTAKER, of Virginia City, has been giving the Nevada newspapers some queer stories of his experiences in a recent tour through the towns of Tybo and