

This most serious and mischievous proposal of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, to break up the Order of Holy Communion, is fraught with grievous peril in every direction. It is an attempt to alter the doctrinal centre of gravity upon which our service rests, and an attempt along lines opposed to Scripture precedent, the practice of the Primitive Church, and the principles of the Reformation ; a three-fold testimony to our Anglican position, which no sound Churchman should ever forsake, and which no faithful, and certainly no well-instructed, Churchman will ever allow anyone to disturb or destroy.

(1) What are the exact terms used in the Scottish Office ?

THE OBLATION is as follows : "Wherefore, O Lord, and heavenly Father, according to the institution of Thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we thy humble servants do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make"

THE INVOCATION is as follows : "We thine unworthy servants beseech thee, most merciful Father, to hear us and to send thy Holy Spirit upon us and upon these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine, that, being blessed and hallowed by his life-giving power, they may become the body and blood of thy most dearly beloved Son"

(2) Is there any difference in the use of the "American Church ?"

The Oblation is in the same form, but the Invocation differs considerably from the Scottish Office. The INVOCATION is as follows : "And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us ; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine ; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood."

The OBLATION in both Scottish and American Services is utterly unscriptural. Christ Himself is our only guide. And our blessed Lord did not offer the elements either of the Paschal Supper or of His own "Institution" of the Lord's Supper, to God, but to His disciples. The great Catholic principle of antiquity is, that the Holy Scripture