

that is the comfort it gives to us now. Moreover, during those forty days he spent upon earth when he appeared to his followers again and again, it was the same body, yet how changed! for it came into the midst of his followers when the doors were closed. It appeared and vanished in singular fashion, no more a natural body, but now a spiritual body, adapted to the new life which he has gone to manifest. And in those glimpses of himself during those forty days, he has given us the foretaste of our bright resurrection life above.—*Dr. W. N. Taylor.*

At the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower, the Vicar (the Rev. J. R. Turnock) lately preached from the text, "There is no respect of persons with God." In the course of an eloquent and forcible sermon, he showed that the teaching of the Old and New Testaments was that there is no partiality in God. An earthly parent was sometimes partial in his dealings with his own children, but it was never so with our Heavenly Father. God does not make His decrees the rule of right and wrong; but He makes right and wrong the rule of His decrees. Inequalities only exist in external things; in eternal things there is absolute equality. God is the giver of all, and He sends to one man plenty and to another man penury, because He alone knows the fitting means of working out His own ends with regard to each. Let no man, said the preacher, presume to think that he is a favourite of heaven. It is our duty to unlearn this "respect of persons," which, St. James says, "if ye practice ye commit sin."

THE REFORM OF CONVOCATION.

THE Association for Promoting the Reform of Convocation has prepared the following petition for presentation to the Queen:

To her Most Gracious Majesty Victoria, by the Grace of God Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c.
May it please your Majesty—

We, the undersigned Clergymen and Laymen of the Church of England, being convinced that it is highly desirable that the Bishops, Clergy, and Laity of the English Church should meet together, in some manner recognized by law, to discuss the best means of promoting the well-being and increasing the efficiency of the Church of England, without detriment to the Royal Prerogative, or danger to the union of Church and State, humbly approach your Majesty with the earnest Prayer that you will be graciously pleased to issue a Royal Commission, which shall inquire and report upon the best method of creating a body of Lay Members of the English Church, which may, in conjunction with the Convocations of Canterbury and York (duly reformed, and for that purpose combined), prepare and submit to Parliament from time to time such measures as they may deem best calculated to effect these objects.

DIVERSITY OF SERVICE.

No one follower of Christ should condemn another because the other's spiritual life is not of the same stamp as his own. Let not Martha, busied with her much sewing, run-