

ly and lovingly set forth, especially amongst people who are living without baptism or the Lord's Supper, the Anglican Church will shew more real progress than Dissent which practically denies the necessity of the sacraments, or Romanism, which repeats Baptism, and administers but *half of the Eucharist to the laity.*

BRO D.—Amongst the generality of people, ignoring or neglecting or profaning the two great Sacraments of Christ Himself, as so many do, it certainly is not the duty of His Church to raise the warning cry of "Sacramentarian!" The truth cannot grow thereby, nor can the doctrine of the Incarnation make due progress. Wherever this shibboleth is raised, and church people imitate dissent, dissent infallibly gains by proselytizing from the Church. But where the Church faithfully sets forth her ancient doctrine and practice, she gains from both Dissent and Romanism, as well as from indifference or even infidelity. It is this which accounts for the greater progress of the Anglican Church in the United States than in Canada, in our day.

BRO. E.—A large proportion of the ablest and most zealous clergymen of our sister Church in the States were brought up in Dissent but becoming Churchmen by conviction, value Anglican teaching far more than do "churchmen with a little c." One of them, a former Methodist preacher, said to me,—

"Why, sir, if Methodism had the same story to tell that Church has, the world would ring with it."

BRO. F.—Talking of plans for remedying the present slow growth of the Anglican Church in Canada, we must be more systematic in parochial visiting, in which also it would be well to utilize the services of judicious persons amongst our laity. Travelling in New Brunswick not long ago, I came to a parish in which intermarriage between Church-people and dissenters is of not unusual occurrence. The faithful pastor of that flock never neglects the newcomers, first gaining their good-will, and next offering to call on a stated evening in each week, for a time, in order to explain the Prayer Book and how to use it. This offer is always accepted with thanks, and with the happiest results,—the convert often proving the more earnest disciple of the Church, than his or her partner brought up in the fold.

#### *THE CHRISTMAS SONG OF THE ANGELS.*

"Glory to God in the highest,  
peace on earth to men of good will."

Such was the burden of the angel's song,—such the unselfish salutation of the heavenly choir to the humble shepherds and to all mankind at the birth of Him by union with whom mankind should be exalted far above all angels, principalities and powers. The angels who lost not their first estate knew that the will of God was