

we would prefer some more cheerful way of saluting our friends.

There is still another mode of salutation which smacks too much of usurpation on the one hand, and abjectness, even degradation, on the other. We refer to the practice of kissing the Pope's foot. This custom, Dr. Kurtz informs us, was borrowed from the Italians, and was introduced about the thirteenth century when the Popes began to realize their power and prestige. When we think of the relation of the two parties we feel as if the visited ought to say to the visitor, in the words of the Apostle Peter to Cornelius, "Stand up, I myself also am a man."

"Of all the methods of greeting friends

there is none perhaps more seemly or expressive than the clasping of the hands."

"The shaking of the hand speaks the language of the heart." Dr. Talmage has truly said, "When two persons believing in the same thing, and working for the same object, and trusting in the same God, and hoping for the same heaven, come face to face, look each other in the eye, and cross palms with a tight grip, and shake hands, that is human equality and Christian brotherhood. I fall down to no man in obeisance; I gaze down on no man in arrogance: but looking into the face of friend and foe, I am ready to exclaim in the words of Jehu to Jehonadab, "Give me thy hand."

