

vows—their labors have ever been accompanied by an outpouring of the Spirit from on high, to the accomplishment of the great ends for which the ministry was designed—the conversion of sinners, and the edification of believers in their most Holy Faith.—*Selected.*

### SOME THINGS IN WHICH OUR CHURCH WAS FIRST.

THERE are three words that Churchmen repeat with great confidence and comfort—FROM THE BEGINNING.

1. The Church, under the old Covenant, had three Orders, High Priest, Priests, and Levites; the Church of the New Covenant had Apostles (afterwards termed Bishops), Presbyters and Deacons.

2. This Church of the three Orders began the first Christian Missions.

3. The Church of England was first to resist the claims of the Papacy.

4. The Church of England first translated the Bible into English.

5. The Church of England was the first that came to America. It made the first prayer, baptized the first convert, married the first couple, buried the first dead, and administered the first Holy Communion.—This was in Virginia, ten years before the *Mayflower* came to New England.

6. The Episcopalians were the first to organize free and equal government in the United States. This was at a Town Meeting in an Episcopal Church in Virginia.

7. An Episcopalian was the first Commander-in-Chief in the Revolution, and the first President of the United States.

8. An Episcopalian, Rev. Mr. Duncanson, made the first prayer in Congress.

9. The Rev. Thomas Steek, of Gloucester, England, originated Sunday Schools, and then, in 1780, called in Robert Raikes, an Episcopalian, to assist him.

10. An Episcopalian, William Wilberforce, was the first to move against slavery.

11. An Episcopalian first kept Christmas in America, and was persecuted for it in New England.

12. The first Church founded in Boston was Episcopalian.

13. There is more Scripture read in the Church Service than in any other form of worship. It begins and ends with the Bible.

14. The first Gothic Church in America was built by Episcopalians, and they first used an Organ, Chants, Symbols, which the denominations are all now adopting.

15. The Church was the first to say "Dust to dust," etc., at a Burial, the first to use the Ring in Marriage; the first to say "Amen" in Prayers; and now nearly every one is doing the same.

16. The Church is the first that ever set apart a day in honour of Conversion; of the descent of the Holy Spirit; of the Resurrection.

17. The Episcopalians were the first to start free Churches, and to call all men "brethren."

The Church that is first in so many good things must go on increasing in good works.—*Compiled.*

THOSE WHO ARE DEAD UNTO SIN MUST BE ALIVE UNTO GOD.—It is impossible to be merely innocent. Since it is wrong to be drunken, many people think their boys are good boys if they are merely sober. But