

*TESTIMONY OF A PRESBY-
TERIAN TO THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND.*

"I am not an Englishman nor an Episcopalian, yet no loyal son of the Church of England could look up to it with more tender reverence than I. I honor it for all that it is at this hour. The oldest of the Protestant Churches, it has the dignity of history to make it venerable. And not only is it one of the oldest Churches in the world, but one of the purest, which could not be struck from existence without a shock to all Christendom. Its faith is the faith of the Reformation, the faith of the early ages of Christianity. 'Whatever corruptions' may have gathered upon it, like moss upon the old cathedral wall, yet in the Apostles' Creed and other symbols of the faith it has the primitive faith with beautiful simplicity, divested of all 'philosophy,' and has held it not only with singular purity, but with steadfastness from generation to generation.

"What a power is a Creed and a service which thus links us with the past! As we listen to the *Te Deum* or the Litany, we are carried back, not only to the middle ages, but to the days of persecution, when 'the noble army of martyrs' was not a name, when the Church worshipped in crypts and catacombs. Perhaps we of the other communions do not consider enough the influence of a Church which has a long history, and whose every service seems to unite the living and the dead—the worship on earth with the worship in Heaven. For my part I am very sensitive to those influences, and never do I hear a choir 'chanting

the liturgies of remote generations,' that it does not bring me nearer to the first worshippers and to Him whom they worshipped."

*VATICANISM DOES NOT
PAY.*

Says the *Canadian Churchman*: "This fact has received illustration from Prussia, where previous to the Roman decree of Infallibility, the Protestants had been joining the Roman Catholic Communion in alarming numbers. Now it appears that 20,000 and 30,000 persons have left the Roman Catholic Communion in Eastern Prussia and joined the Lutherans. Very apposite is the remark of our cotemporary (*Church Times*) "It is not so much the attraction of Protestantism as the repulsiveness of Vaticanism which has transferred such numbers amongst a population detesting changes and innovation from the Pope's fold to Luther's." The same principle, "choosing the best of a bad bargain," may account for Roman Catholic losses in other countries. If the Church of England would only rise to the full dignity and force of her Catholic heritage and position, the opposing forces of Romanism would crumble much more quickly to decay.

Bishop Huntington thinks the evil of intemperance can be greatly lessened by establishing "institutions for the restraint and guardianship of inebriates, supported by sufficiently heavy taxation on the manufacture and sale of ardent spirits. This would assail the gigantic iniquity and work steadily and healthily against it, from before and behind."