

Gospel, because others proclaimed Christ 'out of envy and strife;' nor did He less by the Church loose true penitents, because they who came feignedly to that ordinance did by the fresh sin but rivet all their former sins faster upon them. His (the preacher's) sole object in all this was the comfort of penitents. Elsewhere he had sought from the practice of primitive antiquity to vindicate the state of our Church, in which confession was dispensed with as matter of necessity and left to the consciences of individuals. Yet certainly they who, leaving private confession discretionary, put their hand to the work of restoring public discipline, thought not things would be amongst us as at present they were. Ridley spoke of public discipline as one of the marks whereby the true Church was known in this dark world; and Latimer said of right and true confession—'I would to God it were kept in England, for it is a good thing.' Yet God in his wisdom, suffering public discipline to come to nought, had thereby the more cast the Church upon herself, and would, it might be trusted, make her discipline the purer in that He had deprived her of all outward aid. We might even be thankful, that the yet remaining rules, requiring all her members to partake of her ordinances, had passed into disuse; to encourage indiscriminately the approach to the Holy Communion, without a corresponding inward system, whereby they who were entitled so to do should know intimately the hearts of those whom they so encouraged, had brought us to an amount of carelessness and profanation which, if known, would make many a heart of those who had so done to sink and quake. It was of God's manifold mercy to this portion of his Church, that he had at the same time by his Providence allowed all remains of that outward compulsory system to be broken down, and by his Spirit within had aroused people's consciences to desire the full conditions laid up for the Church; so should the whole be the more seen to be his work, and discipline be not the constraint of the disobedient, but the longed-for refuge of earnest minds, the binding up of the brokenhearted, the austere yet legitimate chastisement of the flesh, that the soul might be saved in the day of the Lord. We could bear no sudden restoration, but in this and all things must wait patiently for his hand, who was so graciously and wonderfully restoring us. *Volentes per populos dat jura.* We must patiently wait until God gave to parents more anxious care for their children, or more confidence in her ministers, or to these more skill in guarding the souls of youth. All would be well with our Church, if she outran not by impatience the deep orderly movement of the spirit of God. Yet, since on this very subject, unhappily, a vague suspicion in general prevailed among us,

and this was festered now by the circulation of the work of an infidel of impure mind in another land, warning was the more needed that, amid any corrupt abuses through man's wickedness of the individual application of the power of the keys, we ourselves lose not its healthful use. The influence of the clergy must raise or depress their people, and the more so the nearer the intercourse was; but whatever danger there might be lest an unskilful priest should convey knowledge of evil to the soul, instead of guarding it, our peril lay not there, but rather in the unhindered tide of corruption, sweeping away its tens of thousands, where the heart, unopen to parent or to priest, lay open to Satan's snares.

Concluded in our next.

CALENDAR.

APRIL 5—Palm Sunday.
 6—Monday in Holy Week
 7—Tuesday in Holy Week
 8—Spy Wednesday
 9—Holy Thursday.
 10—Good Friday.
 11—Holy Saturday.

BIRTHS RECORDED.

AT ST. MARY'S.

MARCH 28—Mrs. Margaret Beageley, of a Daughter.
 31—Mrs. Mary Monaghan, of a Son.
 " Mrs. Catherine McLoughlin, of a Son.
 " Mrs. Bridget Buckley, of a Son.
 " Mrs. Anne Leahy, of a Daughter.
 " Mrs. Catherine Leahy, of a Son.
 APRIL 2—Mrs. Anne James, of a Son.

INTERMENTS.

AT THE CEMETERY OF THE HOLY CROSS.

MARCH 28—Robert, son of Capt. Thomas Crockett, aged 5 months.
 30—Patrick, infant son of Richard and Mary Maher, aged 15 days.
 31—George Williams, (coloured man,) native of Halifax, aged 25 years.
 " Mary Pendugrass, native of Ireland, aged 60 years.
 APRIL 2—Jane, daughter of Edward and Ellen McDeed, aged 2 years.
 " Bridget, daughter of Patrick and Margaret Barry, aged 2 months.

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