

'historic episcopate.' What have they to offer as a centre of unity to the sectarianism of the age? How shall they insist upon episcopal ordination, or the rite of Confirmation?"

The fearful, alarmed by these clamours, may be tempted into the cave of the last-named siren. The unbelieving may find an increasing impetus in the Down Grade. But the faithful discern in these apparently disastrous events in their Church the materials by which she shall be awakened from a perilous approach to the sirens of a dangerous coast. They see in them a warning against the Unitarian leaven in their ships' sea-stores. They turn a deaf ear to those faint-hearted and impatient voices which would tempt them to cast themselves into the Roman boat. They remain in the ship, and so at length all are brought safe to land.

But as God gave Saul of Tarsus to the Church, to be an Apostle and a converter of Jew and Gentile, notwithstanding the fears of some of the faithful who disliked his past record, so let us hope that a warm-hearted and generous man once enrolled amongst the bishops of the Church, may through God's help strengthen the episcopate which once he decried,—proving the truth of Christ's promise to His Church: "Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

On the appointment of Dr. Perowne, last spring, to the bishopric

of Worcester, the *London Church Times*, referring to his former hazy views of the Historic Episcopate, said: "We believe that the practical exercise of the Bishop's office, the faithful determination to be a father-in-God to all the baptized in his diocese, whether they acknowledge or ignore his fatherhood to them, must unfold to its receiver a deeper insight into the reality of the Apostolical Succession and its powers than can ever be learned from words."

#### HABITS.

A writer describing a stalactite cave says: "Standing perfectly still in the cavernous hall I could hear the intense silence broken by first one drop of water and then another, say one drop in each half minute.

'The huge rock had been formed by the infinitesimal deposit of lime from these drops—deducting the amount washed away by the same water—for the drops were not only building, they were wasting at the same time.

'The increase was so minute that a year's growth could hardly be estimated.

'It is a powerful illustration of minute influences.

'A man might stand before it and say: "It is thus my habits have all been formed. My strong points and my weaknesses all come from influences as quiet, minute, and generally as secret as these water drops.'"

"Once I did ill, that I heard ever,  
Twice I did well, that I heard never."