

Why neglect catechising, as an instrumentality in our Church work? the reasons for it remain, hence the rule remains.

The Parish Priest is to be aided in this matter, but never superseded by the Sunday School teacher.

The Catechist needs exceptional tact, patience and sympathy, must never make a display of his own knowledge, nor of the ignorance of the catechumen. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God." "Men,—both younger and older,—must be taught as though you taught them not, and things unknown proposed as things forgot."

Public catechising is fitted to impart, to our own people and to strangers, the knowledge of essential doctrine, of Church polity and history, of the pros and cons of prevalent isms.

Our young men, specially those in our Church Schools, should be well drilled and then publicly examined on such topics as: The Church and the Bible, whence and what are they,—who founded the Anglican Church,—why it is Anglican and neither Latin nor Dissenting, why it is Trinitarian and neither Unitarian nor Tritheistic—why we should be baptized, confirmed, etc., these might form the most effective of instructions.

DISCUSSION.

Dean Norman, in reference to a remark made in one of the papers, explained that the writer, in speaking of the creeds, might perhaps have made it more clear, that whilst the truths enshrined in the creeds "may be proved by most certain warrants of Holy Scripture," as declared in the eighth of the thirty-nine articles, yet it is not quite correct to say that they were derived from the Bible, because the cardinal truths of the Christian creeds were accepted and taught many years before the New Testament was written.

Canon Von Iffland remarked that the clergy have virtually no *locus standi* in the Day School, because the law does not give them any right to instruct during school hours.

The Bishop explained that the clergy are official visitors of the day schools by legal right, but instructors only by invitation of the teachers in charge. They have also a right to impart religious instruction after school hours.

Rev. T. W. Fyles pointed out how much the Church of England had gone back during the last thirty years in the matter of distinctively Church schools. By comparison he alluded to the large number of schools, colleges and convents, which the Roman Catholic clergy succeed in always keeping under their entire control.

Rev. A. H. Robertson spoke with satisfaction of frequent visits to the Academy in Cookshir, and thought that in all common school-houses throughout the country, the clergy would be always heartily welcomed by the teachers.

The Bishop, in summing up the discussion, spoke highly of all the papers read. He rejoiced that Dr. Adams had given the Conference such a high ideal of Sunday School work. His lordship emphasized the fact that children especially are much drawn towards a clergyman's personality. Hence it was very important to visit the schools regularly as Mr. King and others do. The points which Mr. Brooks made in regard to catechising were of the greatest possible moment. The Bishop suggested that the clergy would often find it more easy, when they catechise large numbers, to obtain simultaneous rather than individual answering. He thought catechising ought to be much more practised than it is wont to be; that the clergy should at any rate make the very best possible use of the rights and opportunities which they do possess in reference to the secular schools, whilst he deplored the loss of the Church schools to which Mr. Fyles alluded.

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(1) The chief weakness of pastoral visiting in cities is that it is done for the most part in the afternoon when the men are at work;