

things as he possesseth, liberally to give alms to the poor, according to his ability.

### XXV. *Of a Christian Man's Oath.*

As we confess that vain and rash swearing is forbidden christian men by our Lord Jesus Christ, and James, his Apostle ; so we judge that the christian religion doth not prohibit, but that a man may swear when the magistrate requireth, in a cause of faith and charity, so it be done according to the prophet's teaching, in justice, judgment, and truth.

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## SECTION II.

### *Of the Conference.*

It is desired that all things be considered on these occasions, as in the immediate presence of God : that every person speak freely whatever is in his heart.

*Quest.* 1. How may we best improve our time at the Conference ?

*Ans.* 1. While we are conversing, let us have an especial care to set God always before us.

2. In the intermediate hours, let us redeem all the time we can for private exercises.

3. Therein let us give ourselves to prayer for one another, and for a blessing on our labour.