

infinitely "more than we desire or deserve."

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### TO REPLACE IS TO CONQUER.

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I remember a sentence of the great Napoleon, "To replace is to conquer." St. Boniface was a very brave and conquering missionary in the Middle Ages. He plunged fearlessly into the dark and tangled forests of Germany, and conquered thousands of the savages for Christ. But near Gassinar in Upper Hesse, there stood a vast and venerable oak, sacred for ages to Thor, the God of Thunder. St. Boniface tried in vain to win the Germans from the superstitious adoration of the thunderous oak. At last he seized an axe. The pagans stood about in breathless wonder and alarm. He sent stroke after stroke ringing on the gnarled trunk. The priests of Thor implored the deity to avenge himself; and the pagans thought that surely the next moment the shattering lightning flash would smite down the sacrilegious monk. But no flash came; and then at last, with thunderous fall, the mighty oak crashed down. But Boniface was wise. He knew that if he did not put a better worship in the idol's place, the old idolatry cast out for the moment would gain reëitance, and the savages would surely find some other gnarled oak to represent him. And so St. Boniface built out of the fragments of the fallen and splintered tree the chapel of St. Peter, and in the room of the worship of the Thunderer left the worship of the Crucified; and Thor, seeking to get back again into the people's hearts and thoughts, was baffled and could not get in, because

their hearts and thoughts were filled with something loftier and holier. And so St. Boniface won the triumph permanently; and he could win it in no other way. "To re-place is to conquer."—*Selected.*

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### AN OVERLOOKED LAW.

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Examine your Prayer-book, and you will find in the "Order for the Visitation of the Sick" this rubric:

When any person is sick, notice shall be given thereof to the Minister of the Parish.

How few obey this law? And yet how ready they are to complain that their minister neglects them when they are sick. How can your minister know everything? You send word to your physician, why not to your minister? The law of your church requires such notice. Until you obey that law, do not complain that you are neglected. Your minister is not *omniscient*. He is far from it.—*Selected.*

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### REVERENCE.

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THE first lesson which the Church teaches us is *reverence*. Reverence, or the "fear of the Lord," is the very beginning of wisdom. Without it, love itself may become almost profane. How beautifully are the two—love and fear—united in the opening words of our Lord's Prayer. The Fatherhood of God is the dearest and sweetest of thoughts; but while we appeal to Him by that benignant title, we must never let go the awful thought that He is in Heaven and we upon earth.

I need not dwell upon the illustrations of that stately reverence which pervades the Church's wor-