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### BISHOP WALSHAM HOW'S DEFINITION OF AN AN- GLICAN CHURCHMAN.

THE following definition of an Anglican clergyman by Bishop Walsham How will be read with much interest: "He reverences the Church Catholic, but he thanks God that his lot is cast in the purest branch of it. He glories in the historic continuity of his Church, but he does not hold mediæval teaching and customs to be therefore glorious. He believes in the Divine origin and spiritual endowments of the Church, but he is not ashamed to agree with the Reformers in appealing to Holy Scripture and (after Holy Scripture) to the primitive fathers and purest ages of the Church. He believes the Church of Rome has erred grievously, but he does not, therefore, affirm the orthodoxy of Dissent. He does not esteem the Church of England faultless, but he marvels at the fewness of her faults. He loves his Church with all his heart, but that does not make him uncharitable to Romanists or Dissenters. He is very thankful for the great Church revival of the last generation, but he does not undervalue the awakened life and unwonted preaching of the Cross of Christ which were due to a different school in the previous generation. In his services he aims at reverence and solemnity and not at display. He welcomes all that fosters a spirit of true worship, and avoids all that has the look of a meretricious following of Rome. His ritual is simple and dignified, not complicated or distracting. He thinks no pains too great to bestow

upon the reverent and devotional rendering of the service, but dreads dissipation of devotion by profuseness of ceremonial. His church is comely, orderly, attractive; being manifestly a house of prayer; a place where reverent kneeling is at least as carefully provided for as comfortable sitting; a home of the poor; daily open to the two or three. Festivals and fast are well marked; and the seasons of the Christian year miss not their fitting decorations. The Anglican has long learned to pay due honor to the Holy Sacraments, which he holds to be two. He delights to provide for his flock frequent and early Communion, though not teaching the necessity of fasting reception; and his baptizing of infants is itself a sermon. He refuses not to learn new lessons from any. He knows how spiritual life is helped and deepened in Retreats. He has proved how souls are rescued from Satan, or brought nearer to God, in Missions. He is not obstinately conservative, though he dreads novelties as such. He is no Erastian, yet he dares not defy all law and authority."

THE MUSIC of the Church should be ecclesiastical in character, and not secular.

It should be rendered by a choral choir of communicants, and not by hired performers.

The children of the parish should be regularly and carefully instructed in the music of the Church in Sunday School, and should be promoted regularly into the choir, as their voices mature.

THE Bishop of Bloemfontein ordained four to the Diaconate on Trinity Sunday, in his Cathedral.