

prints of the great Creator, to prove to us that there is a good and great God, whom we love, worship and obey. Do you understand? "Yes, father, I understand very well now, and I thank you for teaching me that lesson."—*Children's Friend.*

ECCLIASTICAL OFFICERS.

To Editor of the Church Guardian:

SIR,—The Bishop of Rupert's Land wields a vigorous pen, directed by a mind intensely concentrated upon its work and guided by a wide and varied experience. His Synodical address printed in your last number is worthy of attention outside of his own diocese. It would appear that the titles of Canons, Archdeacons, &c., so liberally scattered in the Church of England in Canada, as in Rupert's Land not purely decorative. It is well enough to reward past services—after the example of the Army and Navy—by some titles, but the soldiers of the Church Militant, under their great invisible Captain, cannot settle down upon honors distinct from "the pressing forward to the mark of the high calling." Hence, if the Church of England would fulfil its destiny and cope with existing difficulties, it must be by every officer having his special work. In the fractions of Christianity about us there are divers functionaries, but rarely one which does not represent active operations. With the Bishop of Rupert's Land a Cathedral staff is evidently not like "playing soldiers," but the decorations derive their justification from their distinctive missions and usefulness. We would like to learn from some qualified correspondent the practical purposes served by these officers. What their real connection with the Cathedral and their utility to the diocese. There are either latent forces connected therewith of value to the Church, or else the whole system is so fictitious as to call loudly for remodelling and reform. Our Right Rev. Fathers would do well to give a thought to this matter, and, in view of the plain conflict of the day against obdurate foes, to make every agency tell, or to supplant by something better that will.

Yours,

INQUIRER.

PEOPLE are fond of tracing rivers from their mouths to their distant sources, and Bruce, the traveller, pronounced it the proudest moment of his life when he stood, as he fancied, at the lofty fountains of the Nile. But when we trace the waters of life to their earthly source how lowly the spring where they well up into light! Would you see it? Bow thy head, enter this stable; and in this stall, whence beasts have been turned out to accommodate a woman in her hour of sorrow, look into the manger; gently raise the rough swaddling cloth; and there, in a feeble creature that, disturbed, sends up an infant's wail, behold the Lamb of God—the love of God—the Saviour of the world!—*Guthrie.*

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