

back upon it in the light of its results, may add with fervour "and it is marvellous in our eyes." Who can doubt that God the Holy Ghost was with the Synod of this Diocese when it elected the Rev. James William Williams to be its Bishop? The Spirit which swayed that Synod went forth to rest to the very end of his Episcopate—a spirit of peace—on rulers and on ruled, bearing witness at once to the divine wisdom of the election and to the truth of the principles which, under God, secured it. We may, if we will depart from those principles. We may, if we will resort to human devices, to party planning, to the undue employment of personal influence. We may, if we will allow prejudice to result in bitterness and bitterness in conflict and conflict in division. But with such a precedent to guide us we shall do so at our peril. For doing so we can claim no part in the assurance of our text "Them that are meek shall He guide in judgment: and such as are gentle them shall He learn His way."

II. In the second place then note the words "guide" and "learn." Guidance and learning imply harmonious cooperation between the guide and the guided, the teacher and the taught. Here then is a second condition of divine illumination. We must seek God's help. We must listen for God's voice. Union and communion with God!

Meekness is not a cloak, to be put on and off at will, but a condition of the heart, a quality of character, to be sought and obtained of God; the grace of Christ's Spirit; the result of prayer,—long continued habitual prayer,—prayer in the widest sense of the term, the manifold utterance of a soul athirst for God, the eager drinking in, by such a soul, of God's fulness,—sacramental prayer, offered in union with the intercessions of Jesus Christ, the Great High Priest.

It is not enough to say "I will be meek." We must ask God to make us meek. It is not enough to say "I will be guided by the Holy Ghost." We must ask the Holy Ghost to guide us. We must seek meekness and spiritual guidance whence alone they can be obtained in union and communion with God.

Let us hope that the prayers which have ascended from every Parish of the Diocese in the present emergency have been largely such prayers, prayers for meekness, prayers for spiritual guidance! Let us hope that every soul here to-day, impressed with the unspeakable importance of this means of discovering the Divine Mind, is sending up, like a fountain, and will continue to offer throughout this Synod, prayers for meekness and guidance! Let us see to it specially that now as we draw near our Blessed Saviour in Holy Communion, preparing ourselves for the task that lies before us, we do so in His Spirit, seeking before all else meekness and the illumination of the Holy Ghost! Let us pray, and let us listen! "Blessed"