

you are on the wrong side. You must go *inside* the Church if you want to see the beauty of the windows. If a savage found a printed book, what would he make of it? "A lot of black marks "without rhyme or reason," he might say, "I call it mummary." But you who can read would not agree with this opinion. You would say, "It is your ignorance which causes you to talk like "that. Learn to read the book, and then you will value it. Till "you can read it you are not fit to express an opinion." And so it is with religion. You, my dear reader, are like the savage with the printed book. (Don't be angry with me for saying so.) You go to Church and you see forms and ceremonies and you don't understand them, and, therefore, you don't see the good of them. Of course not. How should you? But this is because, though you were born in a Christian land, you have never been taught these things. Just as in the Bible story (Acts viii. 30, 31) when the Eunuch was asked, "Understandest thou what thou readest?" he answered, "How can I except some man should guide me?" Let me explain to you the meaning of the forms and ceremonies which you see in Church, and then next time you go you will be able to read it all off like a printed book.

Now, to begin with, what is it which you don't understand? "Oh!" you say, "I don't see the good of all this bowing and "scraping." Very well, then we will begin with Bowing and Scraping.

This offends you because your idea is that when people worship they should sit down. You go to Church to "hear "something good." You are like the Village Blacksmith in the song, you "hear the Parson pray and preach." He does all this and you sit and listen to him. Yours is a religion of hearing. This is why you think your pew the most important part of the Church, and why you are so anxious that it should be comfortable. When you go to Church you think you patronise the clergyman. You call it "Mr. So-and-So's Church." If he does anything which offends you, you leave off going to Church. You go if you like and stop away if you like. It is your own affair, you think. With you Church is a place where GOD is talked about, not where GOD is worshipped.

But all this is a great mistake. Church is GOD's House, not yours. You are only a guest there. You are there on sufferance. You mustn't make too free there. You mustn't be "free and