

In method, not in fact, our difference lies ;  
 And thus the case I lay before your eyes :—  
 You from the rubrics this conclusion draw,  
 That lights and vestments are enjoined by law ;  
 Nor, to be candid, can I this confute ;  
 The theory is sound, beyond dispute ;  
 But when in practice blossoms your research,  
 You frighten half the people out of Church ;  
 Your rash advice with acquiescence heard,  
 Receipts go down, and ruin is the word.

## CATHOLIC.

Nay, here you travel fast from bad to worse ;  
 The saving rule of doctrine is your purse ;  
 All welcome truths you willingly display ;  
 You only yield them, when they cease to pay.

## MERE ANGLICAN.

We yield them not, but show them not to all ;  
 We name *reserve*, what you *concession* call ;  
 Not all, like eagles, on the sun may stare ;  
 Reflected light alone some eyes can bear ;  
 Yet these poor orbs by slow degrees shall learn  
 The golden flood of sunlight to discern ;  
 Even thus in time the educated mind,  
 Which now, alas ! unnumbered trammels bind,  
 Will burst its bonds, by reason led aright,  
 And not endure, but clamour for the light.

## CATHOLIC.

The root of ritual firm in doctrine stands ;  
 Our acts express what Holy Church commands ;  
 Accept her teaching, and you cannot err  
 When gesture is of faith interpreter.  
 Discard the vestment, and reject the deed,—  
 The loss of symbol means the loss of creed ;  
 Else let the King put off his kingly crown,  
 And doff his robes, and lay his sceptre down ;  
 The things are useless in themselves, we know ;  
 But inward truth is taught by outward show.

## MERE ANGLICAN.

Yet, if discretion be not still our guide,  
 How soon our feet to sure destruction slide !  
 In Rome's example we distinctly see  
 Undue prostration marks hypocrisy.