

means of grace, partakers of that forgiveness of sins won for us by the atonement which Christ made upon the Cross; partakers, too, of all other benefits of that His most blessed passion. Your message to men finally is to assure men that **there is a life beyond, that the Church on earth and the Church in Paradise are one,—**separated now by a veil to be drawn aside at death,—a life which shall find its consummation and bliss at the last day, when the Lord shall come and **when our bodies and souls shall be reunited in the Kingdom that shall have no end.**

That, dear brothers, in brief outline, is your message; that is what you have vowed you will teach and preach. Can you imagine one more glorious; can men want anything more; can they do with anything less?

#### **Modern Substitutes Not Satisfying.**

Ah! the modern substitutes pale beneath its dazzling brightness, and who would exchange the one for the other?

As one who knows whereof he speaks said to me only the other day: "The new theology is poor stuff to do a day's work on."

**Man's spiritual nature calls for food; it is not satisfied with negations and theories and endless speculations, and the Church sends you to feed men with the word of God, with positive truth, with holy life-giving sacraments.**

A glorious message, a blessed work is yours, but, oh! the task is indeed beyond human strength. You would not dare to take these solemn vows to accept this holy office unless you knew that ordination was a great reality and that God's Holy Spirit would indeed be given to you, but, knowing this, you come full of that same confidence which fills us as we send you hence in our Master's name.

God is true. The Holy Ghost is given through the laying on of the Bishop's hands, and, if you stir up the gift, you will never lack power or strength.