

ADDENDA TO "RITUALISM."

The concluding words of the Book of Revelation indicate that they were to be the final utterance of Divine inspiration—its product infallible truth. "I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto them, God shall add unto him the plagues which are written in this book ; and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life, and out of the holy city." Rev. 22, 18, 19. Through chronic tinkering human laws are in perpetual flux, in this country so much so that neither the lawyers nor judges seem to know what they are, and make a living by contradicting each other. "The law of the Lord is perfect;" it is finished legislation, and includes everything needed to make "the man of God perfect" also. Accretions there are which the Author of Revelation foresaw and forbade ; careful attention, however, reveals that the novelties were added in the interest of the clergy and not of the people, so that claims of infallibility are not put forth by disinterested arbiters. Once again the loudest cry of the Anglicans is that of the centuries which thrust Christ Jesus into the background, and when Churches everywhere were tottering for a fall—"Honour the clergy."