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"The Communion of the Church of England, as it stands distinguished from all Papal and Puritan innovations, and as it adheres to the doctrine of the cross."—*From the will of Bishop Ken, A. D. 1710.*

THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE.

"MADE like Him, like Him we rise,
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies."

Death's drear night of sorrowing gloom
Shrouds the Saviour's lonely tomb,
While the world is sleeping ;
Blessed hopes all buried lie,
Answer nought to love's sad cry,
His angels vigils keeping.

The death-cold waves upon the shore,
Like funeral anthem o'er and o'er,
This saddest loss repeating ;
The moaning winds around the tomb
Seem sobbing through the cypress gloom,
In mournful cadence meeting.

So passed the dreary night away,
Till rosy light of dawning day
Thro' eastern skies was streaming ;
And in a path of wondrous light
An angel came divinely bright,
Dispelling death's dark seeming.

The heavy stone he rolls away,
Proclaiming in glad song, for aye
Death vanquished, life immortal ;
"Seek not your Lord among the dead,
Behold Him risen as He said,"
He opes Life's radiant portal.

And angels caught the sweet refrain,
Heav'n echoed the triumphant strain,
Death vanquished now, forever ;
Strew with life's radiant flowers the tomb,
In morn eternal ends the gloom,
The cross a crown forever !

And still to us who in the gloom
Wait sadly at a loved one's tomb
An angel cometh ever.
Points to that fairer home above,
That home of life, and joy, and love,
Where dwell our loved forever.

—*Callie L. Bonney.*

CONFIRMATION.

CONFIRMATION is not an entrance into the Church—by Baptism we become members of Christ's Body. Confirmation is not simply a time for testing whether a child has learned to know by heart the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments. These things are necessary, but they are the least part of that which is required.

Confirmation is not simply a preparatory rite to admission to the Holy Communion. No person can be admitted to the Lord's Supper unless he be confirmed, or be ready and desirous of being confirmed, but it is not a mere empty form with this end in view.

Confirmation is not the bringing of young people to the Bishop that he may by some marvellous incantation with the laying on of hands bestow the Holy Spirit upon