

verified; and, as it is not less opposed to science than it is disproved by fact, ought not to have been made. Nature, really, is that expression of definite, ever progressing order in which no time and no place are without interference, and in which everything exists for the sake of something else. Nature is that sphere wherein all the visible came from the invisible into which it is returning; the invisible ever interfering with the visible, the visible re-entering the invisible. Nature continues to be Nature because of this everlasting interference; is that domain of ceaseless and universal change which, in no two consecutive moments of time, nor in any two points of space, ever was or ever will be exactly the same. Every force in every atom, in every moment, acts for ever and ever along a different line of direction, and through a different place in space. Instead of nature being that with which and within which nothing interferes, it is that in which and with which everything interferes, the constitution and continuance of Nature are based upon interference.—*“The Mystery and Miracles,”* by Prebendary Reynolds.

CONFIRMATION.

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In Baptism we were made Christians, that is, members of the Body of Christ, which is His Church. Our Sponsors then made promises for us, which we must keep if we would really be children of Christ and not children of the

devil. But, as we grow older and learn to understand what these promises mean, we find that it is very hard to keep them. The life given to us by the Holy Spirit in baptism, needs to be strengthened and this is just what Confirmation does for us. It gives us a fuller measure of the Holy Spirit to confirm or strengthen our resolution to fight manfully under Christ's banner against sin, the world and the devil, and to continue His faithful soldiers and servants unto our life's end. So when we renew the promises made at our baptism we must remember that God's Holy Spirit is given us in Confirmation, to help us to keep them.

We first read of the Apostles giving Confirmation when they laid their hands on the heads of the Baptized Samaritans, that they might receive the gift of the Holy Ghost (Acts viii; 14, 17.) Just so the Bishops now lay their hands on us, for the Bishops are the successors of the Apostles.

Before we can receive Confirmation, we must not only have been baptized, but we must truly repent of all our sins for the Holy Ghost will not dwell in a heart defiled by sin. We must also know the Church Catechism especially the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments. And to “know” does not mean merely to repeat them, but to take them into our hearts, and to seek the help of the Holy Spirit, that we may understand and live by them.

In our first Baptismal promise we engage to renounce (that is, to give up) the devil and all his works, such as pride, disobedience, lying, murder, and tempting others to sin; the pomps and vanities of