

nomination depreciates or confuses the doctrine of either of the two great sacraments of Christ, Baptism, or the Supper of the Lord, either by administering half a sacrament, or refusing to infants and practically to others the sacrament of the new birth into Christ's Body, with all its responsibilities and blessings, Catholicism is wounded in the house of her friends, and the down grade has begun.

But God, who knows what is in man, has provided in true Catholicism certain outward means by which the knowledge of the Incarnation, with its blessings and responsibilities, shall be preserved until the consummation of all things. Man consists of an outward body and an inward spirit, and God's religion for man, under the new dispensation as well as the old, appeals to both.

The point is well put by the *Church Eclectic*. "Thoughtful Christians everywhere are seeing more and more that the theology of the Incarnation can neither be apprehended or substantially retained in the modern mind without the ancient liturgical worship and ritual, which grew up only out of the vivid, overwhelming realization of that Mystery of all the ages. How many years is it since Miss Sellon's Sisters were stoned in the streets? Now Convocation has by its own deliberate action, added celibate brotherhoods. And the Methodists, too, are "aping Rome" with their Sisterhoods in

"Romish" uniform, and the Congregationalist deacons in England have formed a "Guild" with a thousand deacon power to regulate their pastors. It is high time to govern ourselves by what is *right* and truly Catholic—not by what is Romish."

DOWN GRADE.

While we find Spurgeon mournfully and yet vigorously warning Non-conformists against the infidel tendencies of denials of the catholic faith, and now more than ever before acknowledging the truthfulness and upward tendencies of the historical Church of England, it is surely time for the Anglican Church to "take stock," as merchants say, of the precious truths committed to her guardianship and watchful preservation and extension. No tampering, for popularity's sake, with any watering down of the essential doctrines of the Incarnation and the Atonement of Christ should be connived at.

"Vice is a monster of so hateful mien
That to—to be hated—needs but to be
seen;
But seen too oft, familiar with her face,
We first endure, then pity, then embrace."

In England this tampering with the down-grade led, a few years ago, to the publication of "Essays and Reviews," in which simple faith was startled by statements from learned men questioning the Catholic truth of primitive christianity, with its ecclesiastical authority and its proofs through miracles. In the present day we have seen even some authors