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The circumstance of the writer finding himself within reach of Grace Church, although intending to have been present at another service, accounts for his presence in a Church which of late has become remarkable for the *lack* of that which is expressed in the Church's designation. Whether the rector may be seeking to counterbalance the loss of spiritual power which his Church has lately sustained, by a display of Ecclesiastical dignitaries, it is not worth while to enquire, but the fact remains that we were addressed by a Bishop in the morning, and a Dean was announced to hold forth in the evening. From our own point of view, the principal difference between a bishop and "the inferior clergy" appears to consist in the greater cost and display of the "dry goods" worn by a bishop when officiating in public; assuredly had we known that such an infliction was in store for us, as the listening to that tissue of absurdity,

superstition, and contradiction, embodied in the baptismal service, the Bishop and his "apron" would have been left to other wearers of such articles; it is well for Archbishop Laud and the Jesuit who is said to have assisted His Grace in conducting the service, that they were at a safe distance on that occasion, notwithstanding we were invited to "join heartily" in the performance. Happily the three children who were submitted to the rite of "baptism," were unconscious of the unkindness of their god-parents in promising that they should be doomed to "hear sermons," otherwise we might have had an outcry which would effectually have precluded the possibility of listening to the Lord Bishop of Niagara. It would be interesting to learn from the Lord Bishop, or from any of "the inferior clergy," in what manner the passage of the Israelites through the Red Sea (see the Baptismal service) figured the sprink-