

PRESTON CHURCH.\*

In a valley of the South-downs, embedded in trees, stands the village of Preston. As you look down upon it from the unclimbed and exposed hills that surround it, it presents all that nesting snugness and social compactness that render every collection of dwellings, so situated, picturesque to the eye, soothing and comfortable to the heart.

With something of this concentrated and social feeling upon me, I descended the steep chalky road into the village of Preston on a Sabbath morning, while the three small bells from the church tower were calling the villagers to prayer, with the gentlest notes of invitation and persuasion; not like the vehement and authoritative power of address thrown from the steeple over the streets of some populous town, but rather with notes affectionate and almost colloquial.

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The interior of the church preserved all the characteristic simplicity and repose that reigned without. It had no side aisles or any architectural display, save an arch of stone leading into the chapel.

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in the reign of James the First are remarkable even in the history of the times, and in the history of Sussex should form a little Odyssey, to which all the poetic and distinguished spirits of the county might well look up, and be proud of.

At the Restoration, they received a baronetcy, as a testimony of royal gratitude, but only two Shirleys afterwards lived to endure the enfeebled splendour of the house, when the male branch and the baronetage became extinct.

On the southern side of the communion table, and opposite to this tomb, are three beautiful stone seats placed in the wall, separated by slender shafts, and canopied with mouldings, used by the officiating Catholic clergy as places of rest during the intervals of the services, or when particular anthems were singing, or for those whose turn and duties at the altar were not required.

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blissment of that Gospel. At the head of the many blessings since bestowed upon us will that of this day for ever stand, in the estimation of all those who have pleasure in the prosperity of Zion; who love to behold her in her apostolical form and comeliness, as she appeared in the days of old, and in the years that are past, before schism had mangled and heresy defaced the beauty of holiness.

Our Saviour seems to have reckoned this as one of the greatest of miracles, and therefore to have reserved it, for an instance and demonstration of the glorious power which he invested withal, after his ascension into Heaven; as may very probably be collected from that declaration and promise which he made to his Apostles, a little before his departure from them: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also, and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto my Father;" that is, in order to the sending of the Holy Ghost, "to endow them with power from on high, to qualify them for the publishing of the Gospel, which they were forbidden to enter upon till this promise was made good to them.

That it was transcendently valuable we may in general hence collect, that even in our Lord's esteem it did not only countervail, but in a manner surmount the benefit of his presence; "It is," said he, "expedient (or profitable) for you that I go away;" God having designed, that my absence shall be supplied by the Comforter's more beneficial presence; and wonderfully beneficial surely must that presence be, which could not only compensate, but render advantageous the loss of that benign and sweet conversation, that tender and watchful inspection, that wholesome and powerful advice, that clear and lively pattern of all goodness shining forth in our Saviour's life upon his disciples.

THE RESULT OF THE WHOLE IS THIS:—If the Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob, so should we. If, in the revolutions of states and empires, his eyes are upon the church, ours should be there too, according to the example set us by the faithful of old time; who being led into captivity, "wept when they remembered Zion;" being redeemed therefrom, "were glad when their brethren said unto them, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord.'" If God's dealings with a people are regulated by their dealings with his church, then the state of the church is always the best criterion whereby to judge of the true state of the nation where she is planted; and there are no greater enemies than those who endeavour to alienate the minds of kings from her; since he who cannot lie hath said concerning her, "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper, and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord. Those that honour me I will honour, and such as despise me shall be lightly esteemed. Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Zion." For her prosperity, therefore, we and all the world ought to pray, as the Psalmist most earnestly entreateth us to do:—"O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, because 'they shall prosper that love thee.' Peace, then, O thou city of God, the peace of union and charity "be within thy walls, and plenteousness of grace and glory "within thy palaces." And while we thus pray for the church with our lips, let it be our unfeigned endeavour to adorn her by our lives. So shall we make the proper return for the mercies we

have received; so shall we draw down more and more of the divine favour continually upon our king and our country; so shall we continue the world of this great and important truth, that the Christian is the loyal subject, and the churchman the true patriot.

The Garner.

THE DESCENT OF THE SPIRIT ON THE FEAST OF PENTECOST. The day of Pentecost was a great Feast under the law, and meet it was this coming should be at some great Feast. The first dedication of Christ's Catholic Church on earth; the first publishing of the Gospel; the first proclaiming the Apostles' commission, were so great matters, as it was not meet they should be obscurely carried, stolen as it were, or done in a corner.

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THE SANCTIFYING INFLUENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

God gave us his Spirit that we might be insensible of worldly pleasures, having our souls wholly filled with spiritual and heavenly reliques. For when God's Spirit hath entered us, and possessed us as his temple, or as his dwelling, instantly we begin to taste manna, and to loathe the diet of Egypt; we begin to concern ourselves concerning heaven, and to prefer eternity before moments, and to love the pleasures of the soul above the sordid and beastly pleasures of the body. Then we can consider that the pleasures of a drunken merriment cannot make recompense for the pains of a surfeit; and that night's intermixture; much less for the torments of eternity; that then we are quick to discern that the itch and scab of lustful appetites is not worth the charges of a chirurgeon; much less can it pay for the disgrace, the danger, the sickness, the death, and the hell of lustful persons. Then we wonder that any man should venture his head to get a crown unjustly; or that for the hazard of a victory, he should throw away all his hopes of heaven certainly. A man that hath tasted of God's Spirit, can instantly discern the madness that is in rage, the folly and the disease that are in envy, the anguish and tediousness that are in lust, the dishonour that is in breaking our faith and telling a lie; and understands things truly as they are; that is, that charity is the greatest nobleness in the world; that religion hath in it the greatest pleasures; that temperance is the best security of health; that humility is the surest way to honour. And all these reliques are nothing but antepasts of heaven, where the quietness of all these pleasures shall be swallowed up for ever; the very expectation of which—preceeded from a hope begotten in us by the "Spirit of manifestation," and bred up and strengthened by the "Spirit of obsequation,"—is so delicious an entertainment of all

our reasonable appetites, that a spiritual man can no more be removed or enticed from the love of God and of religion, than the moon from her orb, or a mother from loving the son of her joys, and of her sorrows.—By, Jeremy Taylor.

FAME is the echo of actions, resounding them to the world, save that the echo repeats only the last part; but fame relates all, and often more than all.

INNOCENCE is like polished armour; it adorns and it protects. MODERATION is the silken string running through the pearl-chain of all virtues.

CHARITY hath been well expressed by the emblem of a naked child giving honey to a bee without wings; only, I would have one thing added; namely, holding a whip in the other hand, to drive away the drones.—Fuller.

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