

his hearers that a candle represents both concentrated and latent power, which idea will apply to a lamp. An unduly rapid utterance at times, and a habit of turning towards one of the galleries, render his voice quite inaudible under such circumstances. Appeals for the aid of the Spirit of God appear to be relied on in many cases, (indispensable as such aid is), as if He who feeds the fowls did not expect them to peck their food: the sermon in question afforded an illustration of the appeal on the one hand, and the need of pecking on the other. It was calculated to excite a smile, when the preacher dilated on "the haggling and quarrelling" of certain persons, owing to their ignorant misunderstanding of the Athanasian Creed, and the more so, as it was manifest from the mode in which he himself had read the Nicene Creed, that he did not understand that document. The particular truth to which the writer refers is that conveyed in the words "God of God," "Light of Light," where it is necessary to emphasize the word "of" in order to convey the meaning of the passage. The truth conveyed by the passage is precisely that which is recorded in Heb. i. 3, which should be read thus: "Who, being the off-shining of his glory," and has been mutilated, both by the authorized and the revised version. By way of supplement to the foregoing remarks, it may be permissible to comment on the contrast presented by the preacher's advocacy of Epiphany Sunday as a day pre-eminently suitable for the purpose of a collection for the Divinity School, and the "large assortment of lovely dolls" which had so recently been placarded as for sale within the Cathedral precincts, for the support of the same institution.

## ST. LUKE'S CHURCH.

### No. 2.

The pulpit of St. Luke's Church was occupied by the Rev. John Langtry on the 8th of January.

Three centuries ago, the Church of Rome was delivered of twin daughters,

which at the present day are designated High and Low Church. Recalcitrant have these daughters ever been towards their venerable parent, the younger of them more especially; even going the length of hurling such epithets as "scarlet" at the ancient lady. Scarcely less hostile have these twin daughters been in their demeanour towards each other. Although "tied and bound" to each other by a "Book of Common prayer," each sister interprets such portions of the book as are distasteful to her in what ecclesiastical sophists style, "a non-natural sense." In my first comment on a pulpit essay, I glanced at a representative of the younger twin, and on the present occasion, we shall be occupied with a representative of the elder.

Mr. Langtry selected his text from that Gospel which portrays the Lord in His character of King (Matt. ii. 1, 2.) The amount of coughing which prevailed during the delivery of the sermon would have been of less importance had the matter thereof been of the ordinary quality, but inasmuch as it was far above the average, one could but wish the coughers had stayed at home, both on account of the clergyman and on one's own. The writer, however, has through the courtesy of the preacher, been enabled to convey a connected account of the subject-matter of the discourse from another source.

The word "Epiphany," said Mr. L., means manifesting, and the festival which bears this name is kept in commemoration of the manifesting of Christ to the Gentiles, by the guiding of a star. The name "Magi," meant originally a sect of Median and Persian scholars; it was afterwards applied, (as in Acts xiii. 6), to pretended astrologers or soothsayers. The tradition which represents the Magi as kings, may have been based on an ascertained fact of their history, and the fancy that they were Arabians, may have arisen from the fact that myrrh and frankincense are Arabian products, coupled with the prayer-book version of Ps. lxxii. 10. "The kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts." Augustine and Chrysostom state that they were