

CONTEMPORARY CHURCH OPINION.

Church Bells:

Trinity Sunday has come and gone, and the Church has once more entered on that second half of her year, in which, during the many Sundays before Advent, she fixes our attention not so much on the mysteries and doctrines of the Christian faith as upon the practical requirements and daily duties as exemplified in the earthly life and teaching of our Blessed Lord. There are minds, no doubt, to which the great festivals, with the mysteries and cardinal doctrines involved in the contemplation of them, do very specially appeal, and who naturally feel in consequence, when Trinity Sunday has gone, as if they had descended in some sense to a lower plane as if they had come down from the mount of glory to walk once more amid the common earth. Minds of this sort have unquestionably great capabilities, they have their appropriate and important work in the economy of grace; but they are peculiarly liable to certain grave dangers. If the contemplation and enjoyment of Divine mysteries and truths are part of our duty and privilege in this world, they are not more so than the daily unceasing calls upon us to acknowledge the obligations which, as it were, lie at our feet to live as servants of Christ through the common hours, and make these better and happier for the men and women with whom we are ordained to keep company. The Church's year is so admirably arranged that the balance is, to say, held equally between the contemplation of supernatural truths and the call to every day practical duties. If that mind is in us which was also in our Lord, we shall readily hail the opportunities presented us of embracing both the contemplative and the practical side of our religion, knowing well that a pure and undefiled religion, such as He has shown us, lies exclusively neither in the one direction nor in the other.

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