

of England Ministers are Priests who offer a sacrifice at every administration of the Lord's Supper,—and Ritualists because by a lot of tomfoolery they are leading their people into Romanism as fast as they can.

MR. SMITH:—"One at a time, gentlemen," as the parrot said, when attacked by two crows. Give me a chance to explain the change which has come over our parish. Before our present parson came amongst us we knew nothing of the distinctive principles of our own Church, because we attended the Dissenting places of worship almost if not quite as much as our own, and thereby were pretty well acquainted with their manner of misrepresenting her. Our former parson was silent on these points, and whilst speaking strongly in his sermons and conversations with us against 'Sacerdotalism' and 'Ritualism,' frequently attended Dissenting gatherings, and occasionally joined in their religious services. Meantime every Dissenter was 'High' in his own distinctive principles. No 'low' Presbyterian, Baptist or Methodist counted for much among them. All supported their own denominational colleges, whilst ours were opposed or neglected, except such as could correctly pronounce the 'Shibboleth' of a party. In our parish, mixed marriages carried off almost every partner belonging to the Church, such—with their new-born zeal soon becoming our most

resolute opponents. Not having been trained in the distinctive principles of our Church, we could not hold our own, but like mourners at a funeral, were assured by those who had carried them off, that our loss was their gain.

Our pastor having been carried off by a call to another parish, our loss was soon followed by the gain, gradually effected, by the distinctive teachings of his own successor, a man of much teaching power,—not dealing in negatives against his Church, but positive instructions as to her history and principles,—not going out of his way to denounce outsiders, but "speaking the truth in love." Our neighbours soon began to occupy our empty sittings and to learn that as for ritual with its accompaniments, the Church of God, not only under the Old Testament Dispensation, but the undivided Catholic Church in the New, had ever recognized God's truth that the soul of man is reached not only through the ear but the eye, and that so far as Sacerdotalism is concerned, not only were there three orders in the ministry of the Old Dispensation, but that "It is evident unto all men diligently reading the holy Scripture and ancient Authors, that from the Apostles' time there had been these Orders of Ministers in Christ's Church; Bishops, Priests and Deacons." Further, that a Covenant between God and man, to be acceptable, must