

classes, but it attracts the lower. A simple but deep faith may exist in a very dull mind. Without a certain amount of Ritual, no unlettered Christian will realise that his Pastor apprehends God's presence and believes in Sacramental truth. Then as Ritual ought to be the exponent of Sacramental doctrine, so it ought to be accompanied, by a high standard of personal devotion and religious practice. Nothing can be more offensive than an elaborate ceremonial which is gone through as a show, with little reverence on the part of those who assist in it, whether Clergy or Laity. Almost equally objectionable, and almost equally injurious, is the combination of this advocacy of externals in worship, with a flippant and slang style of talk, and a narrow minded and bitter condemnation of others. Let the Clergy, by the quiet reverence of their devotion, by their loving, zealous, and selfdenying ministrations, gain the confidence of their flock. Let them show that they are not hasty revolutionists in externals. Let them also train up their people to understand and believe what Ritual ought to mean. Then the Ritual will follow as the leaf follows from the bud. Let nothing be done in haste. Let the Clergy, as far as possible, defer to their Bishop. In cases where mutual confidence and respect prevail, the Clergyman would generally find, that he carried his Bishop with him. This would especially be the case, when, as it ought always to be, the Priests and people are united upon such a question. For the moral weight of such a fact would be well nigh irresistible in the eyes of any wise and judicious person, however high his position. We believe that the greater portion, if not all of the usages claimed as legal, are really sanctioned by the Law. Indeed, the conduct of many of the Record faction helps to substantiate this. Otherwise, why should they be so desirous to have the obnoxious Rubric removed? Adverse legislation may befall the Church of England. We earnestly pray that it may be averted. We feel that if once the Prayer book is tampered with, questions of faith as well as of