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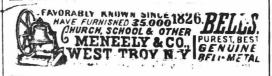
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SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT.

Holy Communion: 112, 310, 323, 559. Processional: 99, 107, 198, 467.

Offertory: 98, 104, 122, 523. Children's Hymns: 98, 331, 340, 575. General Hymns: 110, 183, 250, 495, 496, 625.

EASTER DAY.

Holy Communion: 127, 316, 499, 555. Processional: 125, 131, 134, 186. Offertory: 130, 133, 137, 498.

Children's Hymns: 136, 339, 341, 573. General Hymns: 132, 135, 140, 500, 501, 504.

OUTLINES ON THE EPISTLES OF THE CHURCH'S YEAR.

BY REV. PROF. CLARK, LL.D., TRINITY COLLEGE. Good Friday.

Heb. x. 12. "He, when He had offered one sacrifice for sins, for ever sat down on the right hand of God."

The Cross, the centre and symbol of Christianity. "We preach Christ crucified." Especially the object of contemplation, the theme of meditation on Good Friday.

i. The great fact commemorated. A sacrifice for sins—and only ONE.

1. Man had sinned.

Estranged from God.

2. Had in his heart a sense of the need of sacrifice.

(1) All heathen religions practised sacrifices.

(2) Also prescribed in the Hebrew dispensation.

3. None of these had satisfied men.

"It was not possible."

Hence they had to be repeated.

4. Jesus Christ offered one sacrifice which needed no repetition.

Representing man, He acknowledged the debt

Thus at once revealing the evil of sin and the love of God.

ii. As a consequence entered into glory. Rose, ascended, sat down.

1. Note the various punctuation: Some place the comma after sins, some after for ever—no real difference of meaning. Both declare the completeness of the earthly work, the perpetuity of the heavenly work.

2. He ever liveth to make intercession as a " Priest upon his throne."

iii. He is looking for all the glorious effects.

1. He shall see of the travail of his soul.

No disappointments in the end.

2. And ultimately recognized-enemies become His footstool.

(1) Either by yielding to His love.

(2) Or being crushed by His power.

EASTER DAY.

Coloss. iii. 1: "If then ye were raised together with Christ, seek the things that are above."

Easter day the day of light—from which all other Sundays and all other days derive their light. Without this day the whole year, the whole of life, would be involved in darkness. "This is the day which the Lord hath made."

Because it tells us that death is conquered.

Christ arose on Easter Day, and we with Him.

i. Christ was raised on Easter Day.

"Took all things pertaining to man's nature." A fact of fundamental importance.

1. Foretold. "Rose . . . according to the Scriptures."

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Clearly by Himself.

2. Effected by Divine power.

"Whom God raised up."

No mere natural revival.

3. Amply attested.

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4. The continual subject of testimony. Acts ii. 24; iii. 26; I Cor. xv.

ii. We were raised with Christ.

A tremendous saying.

We? Who? Humanity. His own people. But with a difference of meaning.

1. Christ raised all mankind.

He arose as a second head of the race. Mankind justified by His blood. Delivered for our offences, raised, etc.

Hence all belongs to us.

(1) Baptism attests. (2) Faith receives.

"Buried with Him in baptism, etc."

2. But also raised to actual newness of life. We are participators in His risen life.

(1) Freed from curse of the law. No condemnation.

(2) Freed from the limitations of earth. On earth Christ submitted to them. By resurrection delivered.

This deliverance ours in a measure.

Faith can move mountains.

Heroes of faith have lived above the world. (3) Living to God.

We like Him.

Life hid with Christ in God.

(3) This life perpetual.

"Because I live, ye shall live also."

It is the life of God in the soul of man. iii. The pledge of good things to come.

"Your joy shall be full."

True of us when walking by faith.

Shadows fall—trials—separations. A moment of perfect realization in the future. "They that are in their graves shall hear."

PROFESSOR GOLDWIN SMITH.

Professor Goldwin Smith, replying to Bishop Sullivan in the Mail and Empire, makes evident reference to an article in The Canadian Church-MAN, in which it was denied that he represented accurately the doctrine of the Church of England on the Inspiration of the Scriptures. He refers us to the Thirty-nine Articles. We deny most distinctly that the Articles teach the Dictation theory, and we challenge Mr. Smith to prove it. He says it is not he who unsettles the faith of Christians. No! he attempts to destroy their faith altogether.

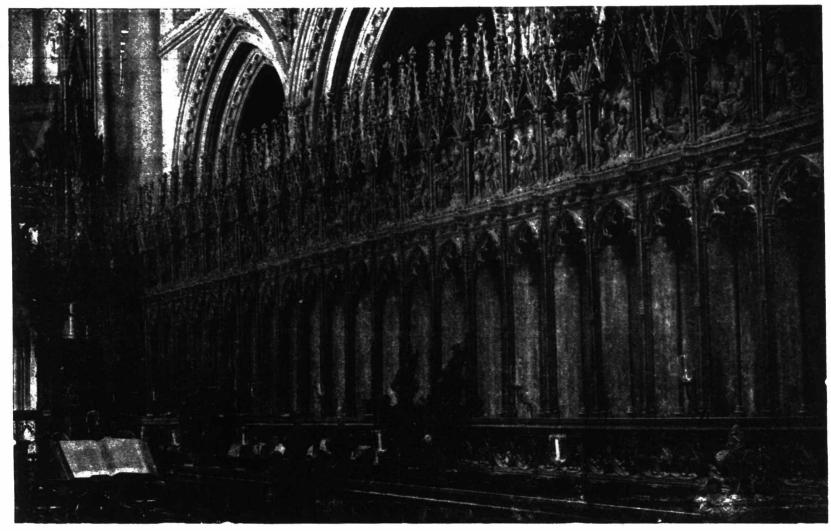
THE ANSWER OF THE ARCHBISHOPS TO THE POPE.*

We have already signified our regret that there should have seemed to be any desire expressed, on the part of English Churchmen, to obtain a confirmation of their orders from the Roman See. We believe there will be no more of this. "Rome has spoken, and the cause is finished" for Roman Catholics, and, in a sense, for ourselves. There can be no going back from the utterances of Infallibility by those who recognize that character in the Holy See. As for ourselves, we are not aware that any one has been in the least disquieted by the unfavourable decision and utterance of the Holy Father. The Papal Bull has already been abundantly answered, but it was quite fit and proper that the answer should be given in an authoritative manner by the heads of the Anglican communion. The document, we understand, was in preparation during the life of Archbishop Benson, and is now issued with the signatures of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. The Archbishops begin by expressing a partial regret that they should be called away from higher work to unwelcome controversy. This, however, they say is laid upon them by duty, seeing that they " firmly believe" that they " have been truly ordained by the Chief Shepherd to bear a part of His tremendous office in the Catholic Church," so that they "are not at all disturbed by the opinion " of the invalidity of their orders expressed in the letter of the Pope. This task being of necessity laid upon them, they say they approach it "in the spirit of meekness"; and no one will have a right to complain of any

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The Archbishops refer to the absence of authority on the form of ordination in the decrees of councils, and say that they are not disposed to find fault with the utterances of the Council of Trent on the subject. The Roman Pontifical, they say, they find so confusing in regard to the "ordination of a presbyter," that it is quite impossible to say at what particular moment in the service the man is ordained—whether by the laying on of hands or afterwards by the words, "receive the Holy Ghost," etc.—the two parts being disconnected. They find also in the rite " on the consecration of a bishop," no mention of the order in the form for consecration at all—the very thing of which Roman controversialists complain (and not quite justly, for the order is mentioned) in the Edwardian ordinal. The Archbishops commend the Pope for eliminating many things which had been previously imported into this controversy—specially, we suppose, the Nag's Head story, the supposed

Either, then, these Roman formulas were valueless because of their defect in the matter of sacrifice and remitting sins, or else the authority of that Council is of no value in settling the question about the necessary form of order." In section xv. they point out that the words " for the office and work of a bishop or priest " were added in 1662, not because the revisers regarded the omission of those words as a fault in the office as it stood before, but for the sake of the Presbyterians. who were trying to find a ground for their opinions in the Prayer Book. In section xx. the Archbishops point out that their "revered Brother in Christ," while expressing this judgment, does injustice " not only to us, but to other Christians also," for "he seems to condemn the Orientals," who have no delivery of the vessels in the consccration of a priest, nor any mention of the power of sacrificing, but only the offices of absolution and of preaching. In regard to the statements of the Archbishops on the sacrifice, we may return to this valuable document again. We have ful and independent manner, and is presented with a freshness and point which give to the lectures an atmosphere of originality, if not novelty. In the first lecture the bishop appears to us to deal in a judicious manner with the liability of the Lord Jesus Christ to temptation, wisely avoiding some of those precarious theories which have recently been advanced, and adhering to those facts which seem indisputable. In the second lecture he deals with the story of the Temptation and the personality of the Tempter. strongly insisting upon the latter. In the three succeeding lectures he deals successively with the three great phases of temptation-first that addressed to the flesh, next the temptation to presumption, and thirdly the temptation to worldliness. Bishop Hall follows the order of St. Matthew, which is apparently that of the history. whereas (if we remember rightly) Bishop Mill follows the order given by St. Luke, which, in a general way, represents the order of temptation in human life. In the concluding sermon Bishop Hall takes up the subject of the "Passion" as the "Sequel of the Temptation and the Renewal of the Struggle.' We are a little surprised that he did not here connect the agony in the garden



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doubt about the actual consecration of Parker, and the consecration of Barlow. They follow him in his references to past cases of re-ordination of priests coming from England to Rome; and they make some remarks on the doctrine of Intention similar to those already advanced in this paper. The whole letter deserves very careful study; but perhaps we may note that sections xii. and xx. are the most important as answers to the Pope's reasons for calling our orders in question. They point out that those things which are said to be lacking in our ordinal were equally absent from the earlier ordinals of the Church of Rome; and this equally in the ordination of priests and in the consecration of bishops. For example, the mention of the power of remitting sins, together with " a certain power of consecrating and offering," appears " nowhere up to the XIth century in the ordination of a presbyter; nowhere in the old Roman form for the consecration of a bishop. It appears only in the long Gallican interpolation in the blessing of a bishop." The Archbishops add with point: "The Pope who appeals to the Osuncil of Trent, must submit to be judged by it

directed attention to the principal features of the letter, and we trust that it will, in its entirety, receive the careful consideration of all the more thinking members of our communion.

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Canon Liddon's Sermons on Special Occasions
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Although many, perhaps all of the sermons contained in this volume, were published during the author's life time, their appearance in a form uniform with the celebrated preacher's other discourses, will be very welcome to the large number of clergymen and laymen who take pleasure in and receive profit from Canon Liddon's printed sermons. These discussions will be of special value as illustrating the characteristics of his preaching over a good many years. We have here a sermon preached in the Lenten Course at Oxford in 1860, another in the same year, one in 1862, two in 1865, the first of these being the first that he preached in St. Paul's Cathedral, where for years afterwards so many were to hang upon his lips; and so on down to 1889, when, in the year before his death, he preached to the officers and men of the London Rifle Brigade, in St. Paul's Cathedral. It is superfluous to commend these sermons.

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THE ART BIBLE-Illustrated. London: Geo. Newnes; Toronto: Munroe & Co. 1897.

This is a very admirable specimen of a modern pictorial Family Bible. Instead of being in the old form of a cumbrous folio or quarto, it forms a very handsome royal octavo of 1,300 pages, which is not unduly heavy. The print is good and clear, on excellent paper, and the binding is tasteful. The illustrations, however, are probably intended to be the chief feature of the publication. They are excellent and numerous, there being 660 for the Old Testament, and 192 for the New. They are of the kind which would formerly have been called wood-cuts of a high character, printed along with the text of the volume; and they are partly reproductions of the paintings of old masters, partly by such moderns as Ary Scheffer, some of whose best pictures are given, and partly by living artists, some of whose names are unknown to us. The level of excellence is a very high one. All is in excellent taste, which is a great deal to say of a book with so many illustrations, even if a pictorial Bible. There can be no doubt that a book of this kind will be a most serviceable addition to the means of studying the Sacred histories, Old and New.

MAGAZINES-The Religious Tract Society (56 Paternoster Row, London, issues monthly a number of periodicals both for old and young. Among them the best known are "The Sunday at Home," and "The Leisure Hour." Amidst much interesting reading "The Sunday at Home" for March has an article on the Tell El-Amarna Tablets, by Sir Edward M. Thompson, K.C.B., and a harrowing description of Life in West London. "The Aborigines of Australia," and "Specimens of the Handwriting of Bishop Pearson," are also noteworthy. The March "Leisure Hour" begins a new tale by M. E. Palgrave, called "Between Two Opinions." "The Cottager and Artisan," and "Friendly Greetings," always furnish good reading at a very cheap rate for working people. The young people have their well known periodicals, "The Boys' Own" and "The Girls' Own," both of which are full of good and wholesome reading. The Society has recently added another periodical for the young, called "Sunday Hours for Boys and Girls," which in its monthly parts makes an attractive magazine The periodicals of the Society are all well and handsomely illustrated.

The "Methodist Magazine and Review," edited by Dr. Withrow and published in Toronto, is a creditable periodical. It is handsomely illustrated and contains much good reading of a general character, such as (in the March number) "The Unspeakable Turk," "Around the World with the Union Jack—New Zealand," "Labrador," "The Social Condition of the Middle Ages," &c.

ANGLICAN ORDERS.

THE ARCHBISHOPS' REPLY TO THE POPE.

To the Whole Body of Bishops of the Catholic Church, from the Archbishops of England, Greeting:

I. It is the fortune of our office that often, when we would fain write about the common salvation, an occasion arises for debating some controverted question which cannot be postponed to another time. This certainly was recently the case when in the month of September last there suddenly arrived in this country from Rome a letter, already printed and published, which aimed at overthrowing our whole position as a Church. It was upon this letter that our minds were engaged with the attention it demanded, when our beloved brother Edward, at that time Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of all England and Metropolitan, was in God's Providence taken from us by sudden death. In his last written words he bequeathed to us the treatment of the question which he was doubtless himself about to treat with the greatest learning and theological grace. It has, therefore, seemed good to us, the Archbishops and Primates of England, that this answer should be written, in order that the truth on this matter might be made known both to our venerable brother Pope Leo XIII., in whose name the letter from Rome was issued, and also to all other bishops of the Christian Church settled throughout

II. The duty, indeed, is a serious one; one which cannot be discharged without a certain deep and strong emotion. But since we firmly believe that we have been truly ordained by the Chief Shepherd to

bear a part of his tremendous office in the Catholic Church, we are not at all disturbed by the opinion expressed in that letter. So we approach the task which is of necessity laid upon us "in the spirit of meekness"; and we deem it of greater importance to make plain for all time our doctrine about holy orders and other matters pertaining to them, than to win a victory in controversy over a sister Church of Christ. Still it is necessary that our answer be cast in a controversial form lest it be said by any one that we have shrunk from the force of the arguments put forward on the other side.

III. There was an old controversy, but not a bitter one, with respect to the form and matter of holy orders, which has arisen from the nature of the case, inasmuch as it is impossible to find any tradition on the subject coming from our Lord or His Apostles, except the well-known example of prayer with laying on of hands. But little is to be found bearing on this matter in the decrees of Provincial Councils, and nothing certain or decisive in those of Goumenical and General Assemblies.

Nor, indeed, does the Council of Treat, in which our Fathers took no part, touch the subject directly. Its passing remark about the laying on of hands (session xiv. On extreme unction, chap. iii.), and its more decided utterance on the force of the words, "Receive the Holy Ghost," which it seems to consider the form of order (session xxiii. On the Sacrament of Order, canon 4), are satisfactory enough to us, and certainly are in no way repugnant to our

There has been a more recent and a more bitter controversy on the validity of Anglican ordinations, into which theologians on the Roman side have thrown themselves with eagerness, and in doing s have, for the most part, imputed to us various crimes and defects. There are others, and those not the least wise among them who, with a nobler feeling, have undertaken our defence. But no decision of the Roman pontiffs, fully supported by arguments, has ever before appeared, nor has it been possible for us, while we knew that the practice of reordaining our priests clearly prevailed (though this practice has not been without exception), to learn on what grounds of defect they were reordained. We knew of the unworthy struggles about Formosus, and the long vaciliations about heretical, schismatic and simoniacal ordinations. We had access to the letter of Innocent III. on the necessity of supplying unction and the Decree of Eugenius IV. for the Armenians; we had the historical documents of the sixteenth century, though of these many are unknown even to the present day; we had various decisions of later Popes, Clement XI. and Benedict XIV., but those of Clement were couched in general terms, and there fore uncertain. We had also the Roman Pontifical as reformed from time to time, but as it now exists, so confusedly arranged as to puzzle rather than enlighten the minds of inquirers. For if any one considers the rite of the ordination of a presbyter, he sees that the proper laying on of hands stands apart from the utterance of the form. He also cannot tell whether the man, who in the rubrics is called "ordained," has really been ordained, or whether the power which is given at the end of the office by the words, " Receive ye the Holy Ghost; whose sins thou shalt have remitted they are remitted unto them, and whose sins thou shalt have retained they are retained," with the laying on of Pontifical hands, is a necessary part of the priesthood (as the Council of Trent seems to teach (1) or not necessary. In like manner if any one reads through the rate of the consecration of an elect as bishop, he will nowhere find that he is called "bishop" in the prayers and benedictions referring to the man to be consecrated, or that "Episcopate" is spoken of in regard to him (2). As far as the prayers are concerned the term "Episcopate" occurs for the first time in the Mass during the consecration.

From these documents, therefore, so obviously discordant and indefinite, no one, however wise, could extract with certainty what was considered by the Roman Pontiffs to be truly essential and necessary to holy orders.

IV. Thus our most venerable brother in his letter dated September 18th, which begins with the words Apostolicae curae, has approached this question after a manner hitherto unexampled, although the arguments urged by him are sufficiently old. Nor do we desire to deny that in entering upon this controversy he has consuited the interests of the Church and of the truth in throwing over the very vain opinion about the necessity of the delivery of the "instruments," which was nevertheless widely accepted by scholastic theologians from the time of St. Thomas

for our part also we shall neglect in this reply, and in regard to which we hope that theologians on the Roman side will follow his example and neglect them for the future. V. The whole judgment, therefore, hinges on two

Aquinas up to that of Benedict XIV., and even up

to the present day. At the same time he has done

well in neglecting other errors and fallacies, which

points-namely, on the practice of the Court of Rome and the form of the Anglican rite, to which is attached a third question, not easy to separate from the second, on the intention of our Church. We will answer at once about the former, though it is, in our opinion, of less importance.

VI. As regards the practice of the Roman Court and Legate in the sixteenth century, although the Pope writes at seme length, we believe that he is really as uncertain as ourselves. We see that he has nothing to add to the documents which are already well known, and that he quotes and argues from an imperfect copy of the letter of Paul IV. Praeclara carissimi. Where, for example, are the faculties granted to Pole after August 5th, 1558, and before March 8th, 1554, which Juius confirms in his letter of the latter date, to be "freely used" in respect to orders received with any irregularity or failure in the accustomed form, but does not detail and define? Without these faculties the "rules of action" to be observed by Pole are imperfectly known. For the distinction made in the letters of both those dates between men "promoted" and " not promoted," to which the Pope refers, does not seem to touch the position of the Edwardian clergy, but the case of those who held benefices without any pretence of ordination, as was then often done. Who, in fact, knows thoroughly either what was done in this matter or on what grounds it was done? We know part; of part we are ignorant. It can be proved, however, on our side, that the work of that reconciliation under Queen Mary (July 6th, 1558, to

November 17th, 1558), was in very great measure

finished, under Royal and Episcopal authority, before

the arrival of Pole. In the conduct of which business there is evidence of much inconsistency and unevenness. Yet while many Edwardian priests are found to have been deprived for various reasons, and particularly on account of entering into wedlock, none are so found, as far as we know, on account of defect of order. Some were voluntarily reordained. Rome received anointing as a supplement to their previous ordination, a ceremony to which some of our bishops at that time attached great importance (1). Some, and perhaps the majority, remained in their benefices without reordination, nay, were promoted in some cases to new cures. Pole did not return to England after his exile until November, 1554, and brought the reconciliation to a conclusion in the fifteen months that followed. The principle of his work appears to have been to recognize the state of things which he found in existence on his arrival, and to direct all his powers towards the restoration of Papal supremacy as easily as possible. In this period one man and perhaps a second (for more have not yet been discovered) received new orders under Pole, in the years 1554 and 1557; but it is uncertain in what year each of them began the process of being reordained. At any rate very few were reordained after Pole's arrival. Others, perhaps, received some kind of supplement or other to their orders, a record of which is not to be found in our

But if a large number had been reordained under Pole, as Papal legate, it would not have been at all surprising, masmuch as in his twelve legatine constitutions, he added, as an appendix to the second, the decree of Eugenius IV. for the Armenians, saying that he did so "inasmuch as very great errors have been committed here (in England) with respect to the doctrine concerning the head of the Church and the sacraments (2)." And this he did, not as our Archbishop, but as Papal legate. For these constitutions were promulgated at the beginning of the year 1556. But Pole was only ordained presbyter on March 20th of the same year; and said mass for the first time on the following day, being the day on which our lawful Archbishop, Cranmer, was burnt

III. (1) Sess. xxiii. On the Sacrament of Order, Canon 1, where a certain power of consecrating and offering is claimed for the priesthood together with one of remitting and retaining sins. Cp. 1b. Chap. 1. See below Chaps.

III. (2) "Episcopal chair" is mentioned in the blessing after unetion.

VI. (1) See James Pilkington Exposition on the Prophet Aggeus ii. 10-14, published in 1560 (Works, Parker Society, p. 163): "In the late days of Popery, our holy bishops called before them all such as were made ministers without such greasing, and blessed them with the Pope's blessing, anointed them, and then all was perfect; they might sacrifice for quick and dead, but not marry in no case, &c." Cp. Innocent III. ep. vii. 3 (1204).

VI. (2) See Labbe and Cos art Councils, Vol. XIV., p. 1740, Paris, 1672, and Vol. XIII., p. 538, on the year 1439. Compare also Councils of Great Britain, Wilkins, Vol. IV., p. 121, col. 2, which differs slightly and omits the words of the decree of Eugenius. It is obvious that Eugenius generally borrows the language of Aquinas' Exposition of the Articles of the Creed and of the Sacraments of the Church (Works, Vol. VIII., pp. 45-9, Venice,

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We quote here the decree of Eugenius IV., as reissued by Pole, because it shows how slippery and weak the judgment of the Church of Rome has been in this matter. Further, when Pope Leo extols the learning of Pole on this point and writes that it would have been quite irrelevant for the Popes to instruct the legate "as to the conditions necessary for the bestowal of the sacrament of orders," he seems wholly to forget Eugenius' decree, which he has silently thrown over in another part of his letter

(cp. section 3 and section 5):

The sixth sacrament is that of order: the matter of which is the thing by the delivery of which the order is conferred: as for instance the order of the Presbyterate is conferred by the porrection of the chalice with wine and the paten with bread; the diaconate by giving of the book of the Gospels; the sub diaconate by the delivery of the empty chalice with the empty paten on it; and in like manner as regards other orders by the assignment of things pertaining to their ministries. The form of priesthood is as follows: hecewe the power of offering sacri fice in the Church for the living and the dead. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. And so as regards the forms of the other orders as is contained at length in the Roman Pontifical. The ordinary minister of this sacrament is the bishop: the effect, an increase of grace, so that a man may be a fit minister.

Here the laying on of hands, and the invocation of the Holy Spirit upon the candidates for orders, are not referred to even by a single word. Yet Eugenius, as is clear by his explanation of other sacraments, is not speaking of things to be supplied by the Armenians, as writers on the Roman side are sometimes fond of saying, but is teaching the Church, as if he were its master, in careful adherence to Aguinas, about what is absolutely necessary to the administration of the sacraments. So also he writes

in the earlier part of his decree:

All these sacraments have three requisites for their performance, things as their "matter," words as their "form," and the person of the minister who celebrates the Sacrament with the intention of doing what the Church does: and if any of these be absent, the Sacrament is not performed." (Conc. xiv., p. 1748).

Now in our Church from March, 1550, to Nov. 1st, 1552, though the delivery of the instruments still remained in some degree, i.e., of the chalice with bread in the case of presbyters, and of the pastoral staff in that of bishops, and of the Bible in both, yet the forms attached to them had already been changed very nearly into those which now are in use. In the year 1552 the delivery of the chalice and the staff was dropped and that of the Bible alone remained. King Edward died on the 6th July,

According to this decree, then, all the presbyters ought to have been reordained. But Pole's opinion scarcely agreed with his practice. Nor does Paul IV. himself, in his brief Regimini universalis, make any demands as to the form in which presbyters are ordained, though careful about "properly and rightly ordained "bishops. (See last page of Appendix.)

VII. The second, but scarcely stronger, foundation of the Papal opinion about the practice of his Court appears to be the judgment of Clement XI. in the case of John Gordon, formerly Bishop of Galloway, delivered on Thursday, April 17th, 1704, in the

general Congregation of the Inquisition, or, as it is usually called, the Holy Office.

We here make a short answer on this case, inasmuch as it cannot be treated clearly on account of the darkness in which the Holy Office is enveloped, a darkness insufficiently dispersed by Pope Leo's letter. The fuller treatment of this has been relegated to the Appendix. There are, however, four reasons in particular for considering this case as a weak and unstable foundation for his judgment. In the first place, inasmuch as Gordon himself petitioned to be ordained according to the Roman rite, the case was not heard on the other side. Secondly, his petition had as its basis the old "Tavern fable," and was vitiated by falsehoods concerning our rite. Thirdly, the new documents of "incontestable authenticity" cited by the Pope are still involved in obscurity, and he argues about them as if he were himself uncertain as to their tenor and meaning (1). Fourthly, the decree of the congregation of the Holy Office, if it is to be considered to agree with Pope Leo's judgment, can scarcely be reconciled with the reply of the consultors of the Holy Office on

Abyssinian ordinations, said to have been given VII. (1) Compare the letter Apostolicae curae, sec. 5. " It is important to bear in mind that this judgment was in no wise determined by the omission of the tradition of instruments, for in such a case, according to the established custom, the direction would have been to repeat the ordination conditionally," &c. Which mode of argument differs widely from the quotation of a clearly ex-

pres ed document. See the Appendix.
VII. (2) See Le Quien, Nullity of Anglican Ordinations, Paris, 1725, ii., pp. 312 and 315.

about a week before, and often published as athoritative by Roman theologians up to 1893. Therefore, all those documents ought to be made public if the matter is to be put on a fair footing for judgment.

Finally, it must be noted, that Gordon never went beyond minor orders in the Roman Church. That is to say, he only did enough to receive a pension for

his support from certain benefices (2).

VIII. The Pope has certainly done well not to rest satisfied with such weak conclusions, and to determine to reopen the question and to treat it afresh; although this would seem to have been done in appearance rather than in reality. For, inasmuch as the case was submitted by him to the Holy Office, it is clear that it, being bound by its traditions, could hardly have expressed dissent from the judgment, however ill founded, which was passed in the case of Gordon.

Further, when he touches upon the matter itself and follows the steps of the Council of Trent, our opinion does not greatly differ from the main basis of his judgment. He rightly calls laying on of hands the "matter" of ordination. His judgment on the "form" is not so clearly expressed; but we suppose him to intend to say that the form is prayer or benediction appropriate to the ministry to be conferred, which is also our opinion. Nor do we part company with the Pope when he suggests that it is right to investigate the intention of a Church in conferring holy orders "in so far as it is manifested externally." For whereas it is scarcely possible for any man to arrive at a knowledge of the inner mind of a priest, so that it cannot be right to make the validity of a sacrament depend upon it, the will of the Church can both be ascertained more easily, and ought also to be both true and sufficient. Which intention our Church shows generally by requiring a promise from one who is to be ordained that he will rightly minister the doctrine, sacraments, and discipline of Christ, and teaches that he who is unfaith. ful to this promise may be justly punished. And in our Liturgy we regularly pray for "all bishops and curates, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth (God's) true and lively word, and rightly and duly administer (His) holy sacraments."

But the intention of the Church must be ascertained "in so far as it is manifested externally"that is to say, from its public formularies and definite pronouncements which directly touch the main point of the question, not from its omissions and retorms, made as opportunity occurs, in accordance with the liberty which belongs to every province and nation-unless it may be that something is omitted which has been ordered in the Word of God, or the known and certain statutes of the universal Church. For if a man assumes the custom of the middle ages and of more recent centuries as the standard, consider, brethren, how clearly he is acting against the liberty of the Gospel and the true character of Christendom. And it we follow this method of judging the validity of sacraments, we must throw doubt upon all of them, except baptism alone, which seems according to the judgment of the universal Church to have its matter and form ordained by the Lord.

IX. We acknowledge therefore with the Pope that the laying on of hands is the matter of ordination; we acknowledge that the form is prayer or blessing appropriate to the ministry to be conferred; we acknowledge that the intention of the Church, as far as it is externally manifested, is to be ascertained, so that we may discover if it agrees with the mind of the Lord and His Apostles and with the statutes of the universal Church. We do not, however, attach so much weight to the doctrines so often descanted upon by the schoolmen since the time of William of Auxerre (A.D. 1215), that each of the sacraments of the Church ought to have a single form and matter exactly defined. Nor do we suppose that this is a matter of faith with the Romans. For it introduces a very great danger of error, supposing any Pope or doctor, who may have great influence over the men of his own time, should persuade people to acknowledge as necessary this or that form or matter which has not been defined either in the Word of God or by

the Catholic Fathers or Councils.

For, as we have said, baptism stands alone as a sacrament in being quite certain both in its form and its matter. And this is suitable to the nature of the case. For-inasmuch as the baptism of Christ is the entrance into the Church for all men, and can be ministered by all Christians, if there be a pressing need-the conditions of a valid baptism ought to be known to all. As regards the Eucharist (if you set aside, as of less importance, questions about unleavened bread, and sait, about water, and the rest), it has a sufficiently certain matter; but up to the present day a debate is still going on as to its full and essential form. But the matter of confirm. ation is not so entirely certain; and we, at any rate, do not at all think that Christians who have differ. ent opinions on the subject should be condemned by one another. The form of confirmation again is un. certain and quite general, prayer, that is to say, or benediction, more or less suitable, such as is used in each of our churches. And so with respect to

X. But this topic of confirmatian requires to be treated rather more at large, for it throws much light on the question proposed by the Pope. He writes truly that laying on of hands is a "matter" "which is usually used for confirmation." The matter. therefore, of confirmation seems, in his judgment, to be laying on of hands, as we, too, hold in accordance with Apostolic tradition. But the Roman Church for many centuries has, by a corrupt custom, substituted a stretching out of hands over a crowd of children, or simply "towards those who are to be confirmed," in the place of laying on of hands to be conferred on each individual (1).

The Orientais (with Eugenius IV.) teach that the matter is chrism, and use no laying on of hands in this rite. If, therefore, the doctrine about a fixed matter and form in the sacraments were to be admitted, the Romans have ministered confirmation imperfectly for many centuries past, and the Greeks have none. And not a few amongst the former practically confess the corruption introduced by their Fathers, having joined laying on of hands to the anointing, as we have learnt, in many places, while a rubric on this point has been added in some Pontificals. And it is fair to ask whether Orientals who are converts to the Roman communion require a second confirmation? Or do the Romans admit that they, who have changed its matter, have had as good a right to do so as themselves who have corrupted it?

Whatever the Pope may answer, it is clear enough that we cannot everywhere insist very strictly on that doctrine about a fixed form and matter; inas much as all sacraments of the Church, except baptism, would in that way be rendered uncertain.

XI. We inquire, therefore, what authority the Pope has for discovering a definite form in the bestowal of holy orders? We have seen no evidence produced by him except two passages from the determinations of the Council of Trent (Session XXIII. On the Sacrament of Order, Canon I., and Session XXII. On the Sacrifice of the Mass, Canon III.) which were promulgated after our Ordinal was composed, from which he infers that the principal grace and power of the Christian Priesthood is the consecration and oblation of the Body and Blood of the Lord. The authority of that council has certainly never been admitted in our country, and we find that by it many truths were mixed with falsehoods, much that is uncertain with what is certain. But we answer as regards the passages quoted by the Pope that we make provision with the greatest reverence for the consecration of the holy Eucharist and commit it only to properly ordained priests and to no other ministers of the Church. Further, we truly teach the doctrine of Eucharistic sacrifice, and do not believe it to be a "nude commemoration of the sacrifice of the cross," an opinion which seems to be attributed to us by the quotation made from that council. But we think it sufficient in the Liturgy which we use in celebrating the Holy Eucharist-while litting up our hearts to the Lord, and when now consecrating the gifts already offered that they may become to us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ—to signify the sacrifice which is offered at that point of the service in such terms as these. We continue a perpetual memory of the precious death of Christ, Who is our Advocate with the Father and the propitiation for our sins, according to His precept, until His coming again. For first we offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; then next we plead and represent before the Father the sacrifice of the Cross, and by it we confidently entreat remission of sins and all other benefits of the Lord's Passion for all the whole Church; and lastly we offer the sacrifice of ourselves to the Creator of all things which we have already signified by the oblation of His creatures. This whole action, in which the people has necessarily to take its part with the priest, we are accustomed to call the Eucharistic sacrifice.

Further, since the Pope reminds us somewhat severely of "the necessary connection between faith and worship, between the law of believing and the law of praying," it seems fair to call closer attention, both on your part and ours, to the Roman Liturgy. And when we look carefully into the "Canon of the Mass," what do we see clearly exhibited there as to the idea of sacrifice? It agrees sufficiently with our Eucharistic formularies, but scarcely or not at all with the determinations of the Council of Trent. Or rather it should be said that two methods of explaining the sacrifice are put forth at the same time by that council, one which agrees with liturgical scidescri praise and so Secon and h is ma Blood ing to (that the fr of the the p eterns Fourt pitio (and a crated arche Melci fice; t 80H 18 the t they angel piece pears earth there law o has g law o myst men deep treat ered occa tions whic the tain rath our ! Bish

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X. (1) In the so-called "Gelasian" Sacramentary (perhaps in the seventh century) we still read the rubric, In sealing them he lays his hands on them with the following words: then follows the prayer for the sevenfold gift of the Spirit. And in the "ordines" called those of St. Amand, which are perhaps of the eighth century, in ch. iv. the pontiff touches their heads with his hand. But in the "Gregorian" we read, raising his hand over the heads of all, he says, &c. In the ordinary editions of the Pontifical we read again, Then stretching out his hands towards those who are to be confirmed, he says, &c.

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ence and Christian wisdom, the other which is under the influence of dangerous popular theology on the subject of Eucharistic propitiation. Now in the Canon of the Mass the sacrifice which is offered is described in four ways. Firstly, it is a "sacrifice of praise" (1), which idea runs through the whole action and so to say supports it and makes it all of a piece. Secondly, it is the offering made by God's servants and his whole family, about which offering request is made that it "may become to us the Body and Blood" of His Son our Lord. Thirdly, it is an offering to His majesty of His "own gifts and boons" (that is, as Innocent III. (2) rightly explains it, of the fruits of the fields and trees, although the words of the Lord have already been said over them by the priest), which are called the holy bread of eternal life and the chalice of everlasting salvation. Fourthly, and lastly (in the prayer Supra quae propitio (3), the sacrifice already offered in three ways, and according to Roman opinion now fully consecrated, is compared with the sacrifices of the patriarche Abel and Abraham, and with that offered by Melchisedec. This last, being called "holy sacrifice; unblemished victim," shows that the comparison is not only in respect to the offerer, but also to the things offered. Then the Church prays that they may be carried up by the hands of the holy angel to the altar of God on high. Lastly, after the second series of names of saints, there occurs the piece of a prayer (per quam haec omnia) which appears rather suitable to a benediction of fruits of the earth, than to the Eucharistic sacrifice. It is clear, therefore, from what has been already said, that the law of believing, set forth by the Council of Trent, has gone some distance beyond the boundaries of the law of praying. The matter is indeed one full of mystery and fitted to draw onwards the minds of men by strong feelings of love and piety to high and deep thoughts. But, inasmuch as it ought to be treated with the highest reverence and to be considered a bond of Christian charity rather than an occasion for subtle disputations, too precise definitions of the manner of the sacifice, or of the relation which unites the sacrifice of the eternal Priest and the sacrifice of the Church, which in some way certainly are one, ought in our opinion to be avoided rather than pressed into prominence.

XII. What, therefore, is the reason for impugning our form and intention in ordaining presbyters and Bishops?

The Pope writes, if we omit things of less importance, "that the order of priesthood, or its grace and power, which is especially the power of consecrating and offering the true Body and Blood of the Lord in that sacrifice which is no nude commemoration of the sacrifice offered on the cross," must be expressed in the ordering of a presbyter. What he desires in the form of consecration of a bishop is not so clear; but it seems that, in his opinion, in some way or other, "high priesthood" ought to be attributed to him.

Both of these opinions, however, are strange, inasmuch as in the most ancient Roman formulary used, as it seems, at the beginning of the third century after Christ (seeing that exactly the same form is employed both for a bishop and a presbyter, except the name), nothing whatever is said about "high priesthood" or "priesthood," nor about the sacrifice of the Body and Blood of Christ. "The prayers and oblations which he will offer (to God) by day and by night" are alone mentioned, and the power of remitting sins is touched on (1).

Again in the old Roman Sacramentary, which may perhaps be assigned to the sixth century, only three prayers are employed for the ordination of presbyters. Two are short collects—namely, Oremus dilectissimi and Exaudi nos—and a third longer, like a Eucharistic preface, which is the real Benediction, and was in former times attached to the laying on of hands, which begins Domine sancte pater omnipo-

XI (1) "Sacrifice of praise," that is a Eucharistic sacrifice, like the peace-offerings and thank offerings of the Old Testament, the ritual peculiarity of which was that the man who offered was a partaker with God. "Sacrifice of praise" is the expression of the old Latin version: see the Lyons Pentateuch; "Offering of thanksgiving" is from that of St. Jerome (Lev. vii. 12, 13.) Hence in our Liturgy both are united: "This our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving."

XI. (2) On the sacred mystery of the altar, v. chap. 2.

XI. (3) This prayer has given a good deal of trouble to the commentators. We may compare for example Innocent III. On the sacred mystery of the altar, v. 3; Bellarmine On the Sacrament of the Eucharist (on the Mass), vi. 24; and Romsee Literal meaning of the Rites of the Mass, art. xxx. Its older form appears in [Pseudo-Ambrose] On the Sacraments, iv. 6, sec. 27, where its parts are found in inverse order; and where we also read "by the hands of Thy angels." It seems to have been already added to the Roman Canon in the time of Leo. I., if the statements about the words "holy sacrifice, unblemished victim" added by him, which is found in his Life, is a true one. Cp. his Sermon iv., 3, where he speaks of Melchisedec as "immolating the sacrifice of the Sacrament, which our Redeemer consecrated as His Body and Blood.

tens aeterne Deus, honorum, omnium, &c. These prayers from the sixth to the ninth century and perhaps later, made up the whole rite for ordaining a presbyter in the Church of Rome, with no other ceremonies whatever. These prayers, scarcely altered, are retained in the Roman Pontifical, and form as it were the nucleus of the service For the ordering of a Presbyter, although the laying on of hands which used to be attached to the longer form has passed to the commencement of the office, and is given again at the end of the Mass. But in the Benediction "Priesthood" is not attributed to presbyters, and in none of that series of prayers is anything said of the power of sacrificing or the remission of sins. "Priestly grace," too, which is prayed for in the second collect in most of the Pontificals, is simply "spiritual grace" in some other uses both English and foreign (2). Yet this form is undoubtedly valid.

Similar things may be said about the form for the consecration of a bishop. The Collects and the Benediction remain in the modern Pontifical, only slightly changed. They begin Exaudi Domine supplicum preces (now Adesto), Propitiare Domine, and Deus honorum omnium. The second of these mentions "the horn of priestly grace," the third "the high priesthood," but nothing else which can be alleged as confirming the Pope's position. All the rest of the matter in the Pontifical is derived from the usage of later times, and especially from Gallican vites (3)

And this also may be said as to the power of remitting sins, which is mentioned by the Council of Trent (see c. iii., n. 1), together with "a certain power of consecrating and offering," and with equal emphasis. It appears nowhere up to the eleventh century in the ordination of a presbyter; nowhere in the old Roman form for the consecration of a bishop. It appears only in the long Gallican interpolation in the blessing of a bishop Sint speciosi munere two pedes eius up to ut fructum de profectu omnium consequatur.

But the Pope who appeals to the Council of Trent, must submit to be judged by it. Either, then, these Roman formulas were valueless because of their defect in the matter of sacrifice and remitting sins, or else the authority of that Council is of no value in settling this question about the necessary form of Order.

We may here quote another ancient form (4) of consecrating a Bishop which was used both in England or elsewhere during the XIth century, and displays the same simplicity. It begins, Pater sancte omnipotens Deus qui per Dominum, and prays for those about to be consecrated, "that they may be enabled to celebrate the mysteries of the Sacraments which have been ordained of old. May they be consecrated by Thee to the high priesthood to which they are called;" but it says not a word about sacrifice nor about the power to remit sins.

XIII. On the subject of the title of Bishops our simple and immediate reply is that the name of High Priest is in no way necessary to describe this office in the form of consecration. The African Church openly forbade even her Primates to use the title (1); the words "pontifical glory," which sometimes appear in Sacramentaries, denote a secular or Jewish distinction rather than a rank in the Church. We are content with the name of Bishop to describe the

in the early ages they enjoyed this title more largely than presbyters did; nay, it was not till the fourth or fifth century that presbyters, in the Latin Church at any rate, came to be called priests in their own right. But it does not, therefore, follow that bishops nowadays ought to be called high priests in the form of consecration. The question of the priesthood of bishops was perhaps different in early times, certainly up to the ninth and possibly up to the eleventh century, when a simple deacon was often made a bishop per sultum, i.e., without passing through the presbyterate (2).

In those days, of course, it was fitting, if not indeed necessary, to apply to the bishop the term priest, as, eg., is done in the prayer still used in the Pontifical, which speaks of "the horn of priestly grace." But inasmuch as this custom of consecra-

office of those who, when they were left, after the

removal of the Apostles, to be chief pastors in the

Church, exercised the right of ordaining and confirm-

ing, and ruled, together with a body of presbyters,

over a single "parochia," or diocese, as it is now

called. And to this order the Pope, in the beginning

of his letter, following the sound custom of an-

tiquity, reckons himself to belong. Bishops are un-

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deed necessary, to apply to the bishop the term priest, as, eg., is done in the prayer still used in the Pontifical, which speaks of "the horn of priestly grace." But inasmuch as this custom of consecration per saltum has long since died out (though perhaps never expressly forbidden by statute) and every bishop has already, during the period of his presbyterate, been a priest, it is no longer necessary to confer the priesthood afresh, nor, if we give our candid opinion, is it a particularly good and regular proceeding. Nor ought the Romans to require it, inasmuch as the Council of Trent calls preaching of the Gospel the "chief duty of bishops" (Session v. on Reform ch. ii. and Sess xxiv. on Ref. cu. iv.) It is not therefore necessary that either high priesthood or any other fresh priesthood should be attributed to bishops.

But although in our Ordinal we say nothing about High Priests and Pontiffs, we do not avoid using the terms in other public documents. Examples may be taken from the Latin edition of the Book of Common Prayer, A.D., 1560, from the letter written by twelve bishops on behalf of Archbishop Griadall, A.D. 1580, and from Archbishop Whitgift's Commission to his Suffragan, the Bishop of Dover, A.D. 1583 (3).

XIV. Two of the arguments advanced against our form, which specially commend themselves to the Pope, shall receive a somewhat larger answer.

The first of these is that about a century after the Ordinal was published, in 1662, we added to the words, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost," other words intended to define the office and work of a bishop or priest (cp. chap. xv., notes 1 and 3). The Pope suggests that these words of our Lord without the subsequent addition are in themselves insufficient, imperiect and inappropriate. But in the Roman Pontifical, when a bishop is consecrated by the laying on of the hands of the consecrating bishop and assisting bishops, the only form 18, "Receive the Holy Ghost." In our later Pontificals, on the other hand, the Holy Spirit was invoked by the hymn, "Come, Holy Ghost," with the exception of the Exeter book, in which the Roman form is added. Then came the prayer about the "horn of priestly grace." As we have already said, the words bishop

XII. (1) See the Canons of Hippolytus in the edition of Hans Achelis in the sixth volume of the series of Texte und Untersuchungen, edited by Gebhardt and Harnack, Leipsig, 1891, pages 39-62.

XII. (2) See e.g. Edm. Martenne (or Martene) Anc. Rites of the Church, t. ii., pp. 429, 493, Rouen 1700.

XII. (3) The old Roman Sacramentary may be collected from three books especially, as far as the prayers are concerned, viz., the "Leonine," "Gelasian," and "Gregorian," as they are called. But the first alone is Roman without any admixture. The Gelasian was introduced into Gaul about the beginning of the eighth century, and the Gregorian under Charles the Great, being sent thither by Pope Hadrian about A.D. 780. Both of them contain Gallican rites and prayers mixed with Roman. Three "Ordines" should also be consulted for the knowledge of the rites, namely, the eighth and ninth of Mabillon, and those called by the name of "St. Amand," which were first printed by the learned L. Duchesne in the appendix to his book Antiquities of Christian Worship (Paris, 1889). All of which show the same

XII. (4) This form occurs in the Missal of Leofric of Exeter (p. 217 of the edition by F. E. Warren, Oxford, 1883), in a Pontifical of Jumieges (Martenne On the Ancient Rites of the Church, t. ii. p. 367, Rouen, 1700, and in the Sarum Pontifical (see Maskeli Ritual Monuments of the Eng. Ch. 2nd ed. Oxford, vol. ii. p. 282). The words about celebrating the mysteries and the Admonition to Priests (ib., p. 246) seem to have served our fathers as a precedent in the ordination of a Presbyter. This form, which has a certain affinity to those in the Canons of Hippolytus and the Apostolic Constitutions, has an air of great antiquity, and except for the expression "high priesthood," appears equally applicable to the ordering of a presbyter. It is believed by some to be of Roman origin and to have been adapted by Augustine of Canterbury to our use.

XIII. (1) See Third Council of Carthage, can. 26, A.D. 397: "The bishop of a chief see may not be called chief of the priests, or high priest, or anything else of the kind, but simply bishop of a chief see." St. Augustine of Hippo is believed to have been present at this Council. The passage cited for this title by Baronius, &c., is certainly not from Augustine.

XIII. (2) On this p int cp. Mabillon, Commentary prefixed to the Ordo Romanus, chaps. xvi and xviii. (Migne Pat. Lat. vol. 78, pp. 912 3 and 919-20) and Martenne, Ancient Rites of the Church, lib. i., c. viii, art. 3, sec. 9, 10 t. ii., p. 278 foll., and the 8th "Ordo" of Mabillon (=Martenne i.) which is found in MSS. of the ninth century, where it is clear that there was no distinction in the form if the man to be c n-ecrated was only a deacon. The 13th canon of the Council of Sardics was but poorly observed in the West, as appears incidentally from the translation by Dionysius Ex guus, who renders the words of the canon as follows: "unless we have discharged the duty of reader and the office of deacon or presbyter." As instances, are quoted John the Deacon, the disciple of St. Gall (Walafrid Strabo, in the Life of St. Gall, c. 23, 25, A D. 625). Constantine, the Anti Pope, (A.D. 767), and the Popes Paul I., (A D. 757), Va entine (A D 827), and Nicolas I. (A.D. 858). This custom was one amongs the charges brought against the Latin Church by Photius of Constantinople. Nicolas did not deny the fact, but retorted on the Greeks their custom of promoting a layman to be a patriarch. (Ep. lxx. in Labbe and Cossart, Councils viii. p. 471B). The ordination of a deacon to the Episcopate per saltum is further implied in the ritual of the Nestorian Syrians in Morinus, On Ordinations, pt. ii. p. 388, Antwerp, 1695-Denzinger, Rites of the Orientals, vol. ii., p. 238 (1864).

XIII. (3) See the collect for the clergy and people after the Litany, and Councils of Great Britain, iv. pp. 293 and 304. In the latter passage Grindall is styled by his brethren "Noble (hr stian Prelate and High Priest of God in the Church of England." or episcopate do not appea any prayer of the Pontifical, until after the consecration; so that if, according to the Pope's suggestion, our fathers of the year 1550 and after, went wrong in the form by omitting the name of bishop, they must have gone wrong in company with the modern Roman Church. At that time, too, there immediately followed in our Ordinal those words of St. Paul which were believed to refer to the consecration of St. Timothy to be Bishop of Ephesus, and were clearly used in this sense: "And remember that thou stir up the grace of God which is in thee by imposition of hands; for God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and love, and of soberness (II. Tim. i. 6, 7.)"

You may remember, brethren, that these are the only words quoted by the Council of Trent to prove that order confers grace (Session xxiii. On the Sacrament of Order, c. iii.) This form, then, whether contained in one sentence as in the Roman Church, or in two as in ours, is amply sufficient to create a bishop, if the true intention be openly declared, which is done in the other prayers and suffrages (which clearly refer to the office, work and ministry of a bishop), in the examination, and in other like ways. We say that the words, "Receive the Holy Ghost," are sufficient, not that they are essential. For they do not occur in the more ancient Pontificals, whether Roman or English, nor in any Eastern book of any date. But we gladly agree with the Council of Trent that the words are not vainly uttered by bishops (1) either in consecrating a bishop or in ordering a presbyter, since they are words spoken by our Lord to His disciples, from whom all our offices and powers are derived, and are fit and appropriate for so sacred an occasion. They are not equally appropriate in the case of the diaconate, and are accordingly not used by us in admitting to that office.

XV. The form of ordering a presbyter employed among us in 1550 and afterwards was equally appropriate. For after the end of the "Eucharistic" prayer, which recalls our minds to the institution of our Lord, there followed the laying on of hands by the bishop with the assistant priests, to which is joined the "imperative" form taken from the Pontifical, but at the same time fuller and more solemn. (Cp. ch. xix.) For after the words, "Receive the Holy Ghost," there immediately followed, as in the modern Roman Pontifical (though the Pope strangely omits to mention it), "Whose sins thou dost forgive, they are forgiven; and whose sins thou dost retain, they are retained," and then the words from the Gospel (St. Luke xii. 42) and St. Paul (I. Cor. iv. 1), which were very rightly added by our Fathers, "and be thou a faithful dispenser of the Word of God and of His holy Sacraments: in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." This form is suitable to no other ministry of the Church but that of a priest, who has what is called the power of the keys and who alone with full right dispenses the Word and mysteries of God to the people, whether he remain a presbyter or be advanced to higher duties as bishop. Then there followed, as there still follows, the ceremony of conferring the power to preach and to minister the Sacraments in the sphere where a man has been appointed to that ministry, together with the delivery of the Holy Bible, which is, in our opinion, the chief instrument of the sacred ministry, and includes in itself all its other powers, according to the particular order to Which the man is ordained. And, in view of Gordon's case, it may not, perhaps, be idle to explain that these forms are not only verbally, but really different.

The former, "Receive the Holy Ghost," with what follows, together with laying on of hands, confers the general faculties and powers of priesthood, and, as is generally said, imprints the character. The second, together with the delivery of the Bible, gives a man the right to offer public service to God and to exercise authority over the Christian people who are to be intrusted to his charge in his own parish or cure. The two commissions taken together include everything essential to the Christian priest. hood, and, in our opinion, exhibit it more clearly than is done in the Sacramentaries and Pontificals. Nor, indeed, do we avoid the term Sacerdos and its correlatives either in the Latin edition of the "Book of Common Prayer or of the Ministry of the Sacraments as administered in the Church," published in 1560 in the reign of Elizabeth, nor in other public documents written in Latin (1).

That this was not done without intention appears from the fact that in our translations of the Bible published in the 16th century the word "Hiereus"

XIV. (1) See Council of Trent, Sess. XXIII. On the Sacrament of Order, can. iv.

XV. (1) In the Articles of Religion, 1562, in the Canons of 1571 and elsewhere: see Councils of Gt. Brit. Vol. IV., pp. 236, 263, 429. Similarly in the Greek translation of our Prayer-Book (Cambridge, 1665), Ierosune occur in the Ordinal, the Order for the Holy Communion, and elsewhere. In certain Latin versions Presbyter seems be used in preference.

is rendered by priest (the word which always used in the Anglican Ordinal, and very often in the Communion Office and elsewhere), while "Presbuteros" is translated elder.

When, therefore, in 1662 the addition "for the office and work of a bishop or priest" was made, it would not seem to have been done in view of the Roman controversy, but in order to enlighten the minds of the Presbyterians, who were trying to find a ground for their opinions in our Prayer Book. Historians are well aware that at this period, when the king had been killed, his son driven into exile, and the Church Government upset, the Church of England's debate with the Presbyterians and other innovators was much more severe than it was with the Romans. These words then were not added to give liturgical completeness to the form. For the changes mentioned drew us further away from the Pontificals instead of bringing us nearer. The object of the addition, therefore, was to declare the difference in the orders. And at this period other similar additions were made by way of protest against the innovators, as, for example, the suffrages in the Litany against rebellion and schism, the prayer for the High Court of Parliament and for the establish. ment of religion and peace at home, and the Ember Week Collects.

That these facts should escape the Pope's notice is, perhaps, not strange; they only prove the difficulty of interpreting our Prayer-Book that has arisen from the separation of our nationalities and churches

But the sixteenth century form was not merely in itself sufficient, but more than sufficient. For the Collect, Almighty Good, Giver of all good things, which be seeches God on behalf of those called "to the office of the priesthood," that they may faithfully serve Him in that office, was at that time part of the form, and used to be said by the bishop immediately before the examination (3). Now, however, since the new words clearly express the same sense, it has been moved elsewhere and takes the place of the Collect for the day.

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Home & Foreign Church Heins PRON OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

MONTREAL.

WILLIAM B. BOND, D.D., BISHOP, MONTREAL.

Montreial.—St. Stephen's—4th Sunday in Lent—In the even ug a confirmation service was held by the lord bishop of the diocese, when twenty five candidates were presented by the rector, Ven. Archdeacon Evans, D.C.L. The bishop preached a striking and forcible sermon to an overflowing congregation, among whom a spirit of earnestness prevailed.

Synoid Hall.—J. Burr Tyrrell, M.A., F.G.S., lectured last Monday night under the auspices of the King's Daughters, in the Synod Hall. His subject was "A Journey through the Barren Lands." The lecturer's remarks were chiefly confined to a description of missionary life in northern latitudes. His Lordship the Bishop of Montreal presided, and made many interesting comments upon the subject matter of the address. The lecture was illustrated by very graphic limelight views. The life and work of Mr. Lotthouse, one of the best-known missionaries in the diocese of Moosonee, received much attention, and proved to be of considerable interest to the audience.

POINT ST. CHARLES.—A meeting of the Brother-hood of St. Andrew was neld in Grace church parlors last Monday evening week. There were a large number present. Interesting papers were read concerning the work of the Brotherhood, in

XV. (2) See G. Burnet, *Hist. of Ref.*, Vol. II., p. 144, 1680, and *Vindication of Ord. of Ch. of Eng.* p. 71, 1677; H. Prideaux, *Eccl. Tracts*, pp. 15, 36, 69-72, &c., 1687, ed. 2, 1715; cp. his letter in Cardwell, *Conferences*, pp. 387-8 n., ed. 3 Oxf. 1849.

XV. (3) It is worth while quoting this Collect here, as used in 1550 and 1552, since such stress is laid at Rome upon the words, "to the office and work of a presbyter or priest."

"Almighty God, Giver of all good things, which by Thy Holy Spirit hast appointed divers orders of ministers in Thy Church; mercifully behold these Thy cervants now called to the office of priesthcod; and replenish them so with the truth of Thy doctrine, and innocency of life, that, both by word and good example, they may faithfully serve Thee in this office, to the glory of Thy Name and profit of the congregation; through the merits," Acc. This Collect expresses shortly the idea of the "blessing," Deus honorum omnium. It is even thought by some that "bonorum" (""of all good things") is a variant of "honorum."

addition to a special address by Mr. Dixon. A most enjoyable evening was spent by all concerned.

The Rector's Return.—In anticipation of the approaching return of Rev. Dr. Ker, who has been some months absent in England, the Young Ladies' Guild are busy preparing to give him a reception on his return home.

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J. T. LEWIS, D.D., LL.D., ARCHBISHOP OF ONT., KINGSTON.

BATH.-On Monday, 8th Feb., a very agreeable surprise overtook the Rev. Mr. Baker, rector of this parish. It was his 70th birthday, and by the way of fittingly marking the day, his friends, unknown to him, had been for some time previous preparing for the occasion. Accordingly, in the morning of the day named, they sent to the rectory a beautiful dressing gown and a very unique and useful article. viz., an automatic razor strop, encased in solid silver, engraved on which was his family crest and the following inscription: "Presented to Rural Dean Baker on his 70th birthday, Bath, Feb. 8th, 1897." Accompanying the gifts was a note conveying the kind wishes of the donors with a list of their names as follows: Dr. Kennedy, Mrs. D. J. Campbell, Mrs. D. T. Forward, Mrs. Wm. Smith, Miss White, Mrs. Thos. Howard, Miss Fio Davy, Mrs. May Johnston, Mrs. Max Robinson, Mr. J. Morgan, Mrs. Chas. Collics, Miss Laura Armstrong, Miss Gussie Armstrong, Mrs. P. R. Davy, Miss Maud Laird, Miss Fairfield, Mrs. Tuckett, Mr. Woodhams, Mrs. Fred Hamm, Miss Phoebe Miller, Miss Lillian Smith, George Loyst, Charlie Loyst, Dr. Northmore, R. Kennedy, Mrs. D. T. Rowse, Mrs. John White, Mrs. N. Meyers, Miss Williams, Mr. R. R. Finkle, Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, Mrs. A. McCaugherty, Henry Wemp, John Bain, Mr. Mark Rowse, Jos. Johnston, Miss Jessie Davy, Mr. B. E. Aylsworth, Mrs. J. Franklin, Miss Etta Miller, Mrs. J. Thompson, Mrs. A. Irish, Miss Hattie Smith, Mrs. J. M. Loyst, Robt. Marshall, Miss Thompson.

Card of Thanks.—As it will be almost impossible for me to thank in person each individual donor of the gifts presented to me on my 70th birthday, 8th Feb., 1897, I take this opportunity to express my hearty thanks to them, one and all, for their beautiful presents, which were all the more acceptable because entirely unexpected. Particularly I wish to thank the Misses Lillian Smith and Jessie Davy, who, I understand, originated the move and were mainly instrumental in carrying it out.

E. H. M. BAKER. The Rectory, Bath, 16th Feb., 1897.

Although our correspondent has been tardy in forwarding the above item of Church news from the venerable parish of Bath, yet we gladly publish it, for nothing gives us more pleasure than to notice any act of thoughtful kindness on the part of parishioners towards those who are over them in the Lord. And especially do we like to witness such spontaneous tokens of appreciation and attachment in the case of aged clergymen who have spent their lives in the service of the Church of God. And among those we know of none who has more richly deserved recognition from those above and below him in the Church than Rural Dean Baker, rector of Bath. With regard to Bath the successful results of his arduous and earnest labours for the good of the parish are known and read of all men in the deanery and in the diocese. Look at the numerous improvements to the church fabric, internal and external. Look at the valuable additions to the property of the parish. Look at the Church services which he has multiplied and beautified. Look at the increase in the membership of the church and in the numbers of communicants; look at the guilds and missionary associations of the parish. Look at the contributions. Look at the esprit de corps which he has created among the people. In a word, any parishioner contrasting the present condition of the parish with what it was when Rev. Mr. Baker took charge, may well say with reference to his indefatigable pastor, si quaeris monumentum circumspice. On every hand you will see tokens of the Rural Dean's successful labours under the Great Shepherd and Bishop of souls. We heartily unite with his parishioners in congratulating Rural Dean Baker on attaining three score and ten, and wish him many years still of usefulness in the Lord's vineyard.—Ed. C. C.

KINGSTON—Monday, 20th ult., the venerable Archdeacon Bedford-Jones, as commissary of the diocese, arrived from Brockville to preside over a special meeting of the executive committee of Ontario Synod. Next morning the meeting occurred and the incumbent and wardens of the handsome new St. Paul's church, Flinton, were granted leave to borrow \$1,400.

Queen Victoria's salon in her private railway coach was furnished at a cost of \$30,000. The carpet cost \$750, and each door handle a like amount.

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CHARLES HAMILTON, D.D., BISHOP, OTTAWA.

OSGOODE AND RUSSELL MISSION.-Sunday, March 28th, was a memorable day in the history of this Mission. After 41 years of existence the old church is to be torn down and replaced by a new one The farewell service at 11 o'olock was very largely attended, many having driven for miles over bad roads. Special lessons were used, and the Psalms for the day seemed specially appropriate. The sermon was preached by the Rev. A. W. Mackay, of Ottawa, from the Ps. cxxii. 1: "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." At the celebration of the Holy Communion there were nearly 100 communicants, and the last words in the old building were the Pax Vobiscum. After service many lingered to take a last look at the building which was linked with the most sacred associations of their lives. The missionary, Rev. C. Clarke, is doing an excellent work, and has been twice visited by our new bishop. The new church will be built of stone, and when completed in the fall will be free from debt and ready for consecration, God having given to the people a willing spirit, so that they have offered willingly.

TORONTO.

ARTHUR SWEATMAN, D.D., BISHOP, TORONTO.

St. Stephen's.—The large school house of this church was filled with the members of the Y.P.A. and their friends to hear a lecture on "Italy," by Rev. Prof. Cody, of Wycliffe College, on Monday night, 29th ult. The lecture was illustrated with limelight views shown by Mr. Robt. Parker. For two hours the lecturer held the earnest attention of all present, while he took them from city to city, and vividly described the many famous buildings and lovely scenes to be found there. The lecture was thoroughly enjoyed by the large audience.

Trinity Lectures.—The course of lectures on the English Universities, which have been given at Trinity College, Toronto, during the past few weeks, were brought to a satisfactory conclusion on Tuesday evening last, when a large audience gathered together in the Convocation Hall to hear the Rev. J. C. Roper, rector of St. Thomas' Church, give "The Story of Oxford." The lecture, which was greatly appreciated by those present, was illustrated by lime-light views of the different colleges, etc., at Oxford, many of which were very beautiful. At the close of the lecture the Provost showed some views of the buildings, etc., of the sister University of Cambridge, these portraying the ever famous "Backs," the great Court of Trinity College, and the far-famed and absolutely unique (so far, at any rate, as England is concerned) Chapel of Kings, being especially enjoyed and appreciated by the audience.

The Holy Trinity Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to Missions held their annual meeting in the cosy parlor of their commodious school house, Trinity Square, on the p.m. of the 30th March, at 3 o'clock. The event proved a more than usually happy one, in its varied aspects of business, addresses, election of officers and presentation. The attendance of members was large and weather delightfully spring like. Proceedings were commenced by the reading of the very beautiful Litany of Intercession by the rector. Mrs. Thompson, after a few warm words of welcome, asked for the report of the secretary. Mrs. George Holmstead's statement proved most interesting, showing a great work accomplished by the Branch during the past year, many hearts having been made glad in the vast lone land lying to the north-west of us, by bales sent by the faithful workers of this industrious Branch, Rev. Hartley, among many others, sending in return their grateful thanks. The Secretary's report glowed with earnestness and was replete with interesting items throughout, proving the felicitous expression of Mrs. Williamson correct, in that the secretary should go up head. One small group of clouds alone obscured the sunshine of the report, in the passing on of two members to the better Land: as also in the departure from the city of Mrs. Wragge and her family. The report showed on the whole, a good attendance at the regular meetings of the Branch. The secretary deploring the fact of no junior branch; announcing the gratitying fact of fourteen extracent-a-day boxes having been given to members. The treasurer, Miss Selby, then read a carefully prepared report, which was received without a grumble, proving contentment with the balance in hand. Mrs. Macleod Moore then moved, seconded by Mrs. Bruce, that the reports as read be adopted, which was carried with enthusiasm; ballot papers being then furnished to the members on the vanish. ing behind closed doors of the scrutineers, Mrs. Macleod Moore and Mrs. Blackburn. Mrs. Thompson, Prest., invited Miss Montizambert to address the Branch on the Blackfoot Hospital, which, as every one has heard before, the writer may omit; suffice it to say that the fervid recital of journey and visits paid to the Reserve by the indefatigable provincial diocesan secretary, was listened to with marked interest. The many beautifully executed photographs showing Blackfoot Hospital, home and pupils, evoked many flattering comments. The trained nurses sent by Ontario and Huron are proving a great blessing; one realizes this on hearing that were their places vacant the nuns of the Romish Church would hold sway. Miss Montizambert's address was markedly earnest, showing throughout the Christian spirit and the devotion which should be apparent in the life of each one of us. At the close of Miss Montizambert's thoughtful address, a flutter of excitement was in the air on the re appearance of the scrutineers, the result of the ballot being as follows: President, Mrs. Thompson; secretary, Mrs. George Holmstead; treasurer, Miss Selby; 1st vice president, Mrs. Fletcher; 2nd, Mrs. Hammond. Delegates to annual meeting, Mesdames Blatchford and Blackburn; substitutes, Mesdames Ince and Fletcher. The result of the ballot was received with great applause, after which the event of the day took place in the presentation to their much loved president of a gold badge of life membership, a Winchester cross and motto, together with a very beautiful illuminated address as follows: The lettering was in blue and white and the frame well gilt—the whole of chaste design. The motto of this Branch formed a nest line at top, so: "The love of Christ constraineth us." "Woman's Auxiliary to Missions, Church of England, Diocese of Toronto. This is to certify that Helen Riega Thompson is consecrated a life member of this auxiliary by the members of the Holy Trinity Branch, in loving appreciation of her faithful services as their president." Mrs. Thompson was completely surprised and visibly affected at this much prized recognition from the Branch, the interests of which she has so much at heart. In unsteady tones, for she was deeply moved, Mrs. Thompson, as re-elected president, called for the report of Dorcas secretary-Mrs. Banks, of York Mills, giving in her usual concise and practical manner a brief summary of matters pertaining to her office. One could not but note the fact of 74 communicants presenting themselves at one time in the frozen regions lying far north of us; one devout equaw having walked thirty miles rather than miss this blessed means of grace. One hundred miles is frequently traversed by Indians to attend Communion service. It was stated that converted Indians frequently set a good example to white sportsmen, who go forth to kill God's creatures on the Sunday. The Dorcas secretary stated that a service is greatly needed at the Hudson Bay post. The diocesan president was next called to the floor, and in a happy speech congratulated Mrs. Thompson, adding a word in praise of Mrs. Holmstead's efficient work as secretary, affirming that she should be in the highest class. Mrs. Williamson asked, "where are your girls? Why not interest them in this great and useful work. We look to the girls to carry on this work when we are gone. Another thing I want to tell you is, that you should all know the parochial constitution. One said to me (she added) that it was 'my business to know it,' and I say it is yours also. Your first duty as members is to pray for missions and missionaries. Each individual member should be a working, an active member. I congratulate you on the work done by your Branch, but still, with the ever increasing calls upon us, we must all be zealous, each realizing the great responsibility resting upon us." A social tea having been partaken of, the pleasant gathering departed for their respective homes with renewed resolves for greater self abnegation.

The Rev. J. C. Roper, M.A., has been recently appointed to the Chair of Dogmatic Theology at the General Theological Seminary, New York, and he will leave Toronto in about a month's time to assume his new duties in that city.

Tullamore.—Since Epiphany the Rev. Geo. B. Moriey, rector of Tullamore, has conducted five missions extending over six weeks, preaching three times daily.

BRIEF MENTION.

The various countries of the world now use 13,400 different kinds of postage stamps.

There are seventeen quinine factories in the

world, and six of these are in Germany.

The Duke of Fife, son-in-law of the Prince of Wales, will, it is said, be made a Prince upon the occasion of the jubilee celebration.

London city is going to hold an exhibition at the Guildhall of the progress of art during Queen Victoria's reign.

The announcement is made that Prince Christian, the heir of Crown Prince Frederick, of Denmark, has been betrothed to the Duchess Alexandrina, of Mecklenburg-Schwerin.

The Earl of Ranfurly has been appointed Governor of New Zealand, to succeed the Earl of Glasgow.

Eagles do not have different mates every season, as do birds generally; they pair for life, and sometimes occupy the same nest for many years.

Emperor Julian, surnamed the Apostate, wrote, in Greek, several interesting works. The most notable was "Letters on the Use of the Beard."

Lord Iveagh has given \$62,000 to the Dublin Commemoration Fund for providing Queen's trained nurses for the Irish poor.

Official statistics for 1896 of the seven Australian colonies give their population as being 4,323,171. Melbourne is said to have lost 42,486 inhabitants since 1891.

It is said that Mme. Sarah Bernhardt has never used wine or other intoxicants, confining her beverages mostly to milk and water, and that she attributes largely to this the remarkable preservation of her powers.

The Rev. Edward Hutchinson, formerly secretary of the Church Missionary Society of England, and well known in connection with the exploration of Africa, is dead at Forest, Ont.

The theatres in Japan have a novel method of pass-out tickets, which are positively not transferable. When a person wishes to leave the theatre before the close of the performance, with the intention of returning, be goes to the door keeper and holds out his right hand. The doorkeeper then, with a rubber stamp, imprints on the palm the mark of the establishment.

For the first time in 17 years all the judges of England are about to meet in the House of Lords, to decide what constitutes intimidation in labour cases, the Law Lords of the House having divided equally in a recent case sent up to them.

Dublin, April 1st.—The Most Reverend William C. Plunkett, Protestant Archbishop of Dublin, died here this morning after a brief illness. William Conyngham Plunkett was born in 1828 and elected Bishop of Meath in 1876, and translated to the Archbishopric of Dublin in 1884. He was a member of the Senate of the University of Ireland.

British and Foreign.

A new Welsh church was opened on the 31st ult. at Paddington Green.

The dean of Canterbury has gone to the south of France for rest and change.

The Church both in South Australia and in Victoria will attain its Jubilee on St. Peter's Day of this year.

The Bishop of Auckland, who is the Primate of New Zealand, is expected to reach London about the middle of next month.

A magnificent reredos has lately been erected in St. Matthew's church, Newcastle-on-Tyne, to the memory of the late Mr. R. J. Johnston, F.S.A.

An effort is to be made to erect six new churches in what are commonly known as the Three Towns, viz., Plymouth, Stone and Devonport.

It has been decided to complete the peal of bells in the tower of the parish church at Taunton, as a memorial of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The bells belonging to Bath Abbey are to be rehung and placed in proper order. For some years past they have been rung with great difficulty.

It is not generally known that the largest dome in England is not that of St. Paul's Cathedral, but the dome of the reading room of the British Museum.

Honorary degrees were conferred recently at Cambridge upon Mr. Bayard, the retiring American ambassador, and Dr. Nansen, of Arctic Exploration fame.

An anonymous donor has forwarded a cheque for £2,000 to the Secretary of the Queen Victoria Clergy Sustentation Fund, Church House, Westminster, S. W.

The Rev. John Morgan, rector of Llandudno, is spoken of as being likely to succeed the late Very Rev. Dean Phillips in the deanery of St. David's. He is a High Churchman.

The Ven. the Archdeacon of Middlesex (Dr. Thornton) has been elected rural dean of Kensington, in the place of the Bishop of Peterborough, by the clergy of Kensington.

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A gale which raged with great fury at Exeter on Ash Wednesday last laid quite bare the north side of Exeter Cathedral, and hardly a single old tree is left standing on that side.

It has been decided to lay the foundations of the nave of Truro Cathedral with as little delay as possible. In order to complete the cathedral a sum of £40,000 will be needed.

Sir George Williams, who is a well-known philanthropist, has offered to build a church in Exeter at his sole cost and endow same. His offer has been accepted by the building committee.

The Bishop of London wore his mitre and cope recently when officiating at a confirmation service. This is the first time for 350 years that such a thing has happened in the diocese of London.

The Rev. G. P. Trevelyan, M.A., vicar of St. Mary the Virgin, Wolverton, has been appointed incumbent of St. Alban's, Aston, Birmingham, in the place of the Rev. Father Pollock, deceased.

Owing to the expressed wish of the family of the late Archbishop of Canterbury, his body will not be removed to the crypt of the cathedral, but will remain in its original burying place in the nave.

The Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol unveiled a memorial to Bishop Atlay, in Hereford Cathedral, on Wednesday, the 24th ult. Dr. Atlay presided over the diocese from 1868 to 1894, having been previously vicar of Leeds for some years.

The death is announced, at the age of 82, of Professor Sylvester Savilian, professor of geometry in the University of Oxford. The late professor was a Cambridge man and graduated 2nd Wrangler in the Mathematical Tripos of 1832.

Among the deacons ordained by the Bishop of London, at his first ordination service in St. Paul's Cathedral, was the Rev. R. M. F. Davies, who is a B. A. of Toronto University. The bishop were a white cope and mitre during the service.

It is proposed to appoint a bishop for New Guinea, and the bishops of Tasmania and Goulbourn have undertaken to raise a stipend of £400 for three years in support of the scheme. Canon Stone Wigg, of Brisbane, is mentioned as likely to be the first bishop of the new see.

The funeral of the late Rev. Prebendary Wigram took place at Kensal Green cemetery and was very largely attended by both officials and friends of the C.M.S., with which society he was so closely connected as hon, secretary for a period of 15 years (1880 95). Bishop Tucker officiated at the funeral.

A meeting of some fifty members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, all of whom belong to Chapters situated in Liverpool and its neighbourhood, met together for a conference the other day at St. Aidan's College, Birkenhead. Amongst others who gave addresses at this meeting was the Rev. E. Bullock, vicar of St. Jude's, Liverpool, who was for a time curate of St. George's, Toronto.

Correspondence.

- All Letters containing personal allusions will appear over the signature of the writer.
- We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.
- N. B.—If any one has a good thought, or a Christian sentiment, or has facts, or deductions from facts, useful to the Church, and to Churchmen, we would solicit their statement in brief and concise letters in this depart-

Church Support.

Sir,—During the past year several letters have appeared in your interesting paper (which by the way is a most welcome weekly visitor) on the above subject. In a few more weeks the Church's year will once more have brought us to the queen of all her many great festivals (Easter), and while this is not the commencement of a new ecclesiastical year, it is, with all our parishes, the beginning of a new financial one, when at our annual meetings of parishioners reports for the past year are submitted, and the outlook for the future considered. Now, Mr. Editor, I would respectfully draw the attention of all Churchmen whom your paper reaches,

specially those more directly connected with the temporalities of our parishes, and the clergy, to the resolution bearing on this subject, adopted unanimously, at the second great council of the Church in Canada, as I think the last meeting of the General Synod may well be termed. The resolution was as follows: "1. That some of the methods adopted nowadays to obtain money for Church purposes are very questionable and such as the Church of England in the Dominion of Canada is called upon earnestly to protest against. 2. That the archbishops, bishops and clergy be, and they are hereby respectfully requested, to do what they may to bring those under their spiritual oversight to a realization of how dishonouring to Christ and His Church is a neglect of duty and a contempt for privilege in the matter of Christian giving." If then, as Churchmen, we recognize the authority of such an assembly as the General Synod, surely some definite and practical steps will be taken by our people throughout the land, to see to it that the voice of the Church, as expressed by the resolution, is not ridiculed and placed at nought by being ignored, else what is the value or object of such gatherings or of its rulings. Some may say it is impossible to bring about so radical a change in the support of our parishes as that suggested, without time being given to place the matter intelligently before our people; but has there not been ample time for this since last Sept. That some parishes have since then, and in conformity with the spirit of the resolution, adopted other methods of raising Church funds than those previously tolerated, is, I believe, a fact, but it would be interesting to know how many of the clergy and lay delegates to the Synod have made any special effort to carry out the second clause of the resolution in the parishes in which they are directly interested. What greater reverence for our churches, as places set apart for the worship of Almighty God; what increased spirituality amongst her members; what greater zeal for the Master's cause, and the extension of His kingdom, what fewer bickerings and oft times personal animosities, not to speak of the turning of God's House and its adjuncts into a "house of merchandise," would follow as the result of more dignified and befitting methods of supporting the services of His Holy Temple, it would indeed be difficult to over-estimate. From articles in various Church papers, both in the colonies and in the motherland itself, it is evident that this movement is fast gaining a firm hold upon Church people of all views. Trusting that the large majority of our Canadian parishes are already considering the adoption at Easter, not only of the letter, but also of the spirit of the resolution referred to.

Winnipeg.

A CHURCHMAN.

An Experiment on Christian Unity

Sir,—I think it is possible that some of your readers may be interested in the following account of a recent experiment made with a view to promoting an interest in the subject of Christian unity amongst, not only my own congregation, but the community at large. We have just brought to a successful termination a series of lectures on the subject of "Christian Unity," given by local ministers in St. Luke's school house, Ashburnham. The organization of such a series required some little consideration, and the first requisite was to secure the consent and support of my own congregation. With this end in view I called a meeting of the layworkers in the parish, which was largely attended, and explained my views on the subject as fully as possible. A discussion followed with the result that not only were we in the heartiest and happiest unanimity, but the lay-workers wished to be definitely associated with me in the invitations that were to be issued to the lecturers, which accordingly ran as follows: "The rector and lay-workers of St. Luke's Church extend to you a cordial invitation, etc." Next it was necessary to secure lecturers. Some of those asked declined for various reasons, but finally the following programme was drawn up:

March 5th. "The Nature and Benefits of Christian Unity," by Rev. Dr. Torrance, Presbyterian. March 12th. "The Advantages and Disadvantages

of Church Unity," Rev. W. R. Young, B.A., Metho-

March 19th. "The Spirit of Christian Unity," Rev. J. G. Potter, M.A., Presbyterian.

March 26th. "Christian Unity, what may we reasonably hope for ?" Rev. H. Symonds, M.A. The results which we confidently hoped for were

obtained. The local newspapers gave very full reports, and the editor of one of the papers told me that great interest was excited through the community. The Rev. Dr. Torrance most clearly insisted upon the point that the unity for which our Lord prayed was not an invisible, but a visible unity. Rev. W. R. Young dwelt at much greater length upon the advantages than the disadvantages of unity. Unity in variety, as opposed to uni-

formity, was the key note of his address. and he looked forward to unity through some form of federation. Rev. J. G. Potter, albeit his subject was "The Spirit of Christian Unity," was in full accord on these points with the previous speakers. The lectures were opened and closed with prayer and hymns, and were largely attended, not only by Anglicans but by Presbyterians and Methodists. In preaching on this subject, before the course of lectures commenced. I pointed out that they did not in the least imply that we were dissatisfied with our own methods, and I strongly emphasized the point that any relaxation of loyalty to our own Church could only result in hindering instead of helping the cause of unity. On the other hand it was urged that there was a large ground which was common to us all, and that sincere lovers of unity should seek to find out some way in which to stand together upon it. With some such precautions as these, I think there are many places in which a similar course of lectures might be given with highly beneficent re. HERBERT SYMONDS. sults. Yours, etc., Ashburnham, March 30th, 1897.

The Change in the Commutation Canon.

SIR,-I was glad to see the letter of "Fairplay," in your issue of the 25th, drawing attention to the contemplated change in the Commutation Canon of the diocese of Toronto. I have no direct interest in the matter, as the alteration, if, in an evil day for the Church and clergy, it be carried, it cannot effect me; still I feel intensely for my brethren who are now on this fund, and who, at last comforting themselves with the reason. able thought, "I will now be in comparative rest from pecuniary worry for the remainder of my life," find all this vision of happiness dissolved, and in the weakness of old age, see themselves confronted with unrest, threatened poverty, and want. It is hard to behold the foundations of the Church fabric laid firm, deep and sure by such men as Bishop Strachan, Judge Hagarty and John Hilliard Cameron, attacked by these modern amateurs in ecclesiastical tinkering. Let not the missionary be misled by this deceitful and plausible offer, for as soon as the missionary goes on the Commutation Trust, that moment he is removed, ipso facto, from the Mission Fund. Now take the average age when the clergyman's ordination takes place as 25 years, and say he lives to 75 years, I have made the calculation and the result is this, that there is \$2,000 which the present arrangement gives more to the clergymen, than the contemplated scheme of these three clergymen. I ask, then, these clergymen who are promoting this measure, Is the game worth the candle? Is it right of you, in the face of facts and figures, to strive to up turn the well laid foundations of the mission board and the Commutation Trust? I ask you young men who have just entered the ministry, which is better-to wait in the comparative comfort which the mission board and your parishes supply, as others in the past have done, for the usual time, and then get something worth getting, or have miserable driblets doled out to you which at the end robs you and your families of \$2,000 and upwards, and do not be led away by the sophistry of the promoters of this bill, that you will have to serve longer than your elder brethren. There are 26 subsequent beneficiaries, and I suppose from 18 to 20 years is the period each had to serve in the Church before going on the Commutation Trust, and that will be your time.

COMMON SENSE.

The Holy Communion.

SIR,—I have read with much interest the published sermon of the Bishop of Quebec on this most sacred subject, and with his conclusion, taken by itself, I fully agree. It has my sincere and humble approval. His lordship says, "We are led from the accounts of the Institution which have come down to us, to believe that while there is no change of substance, there is a true or real Spiritual presence of our Saviour, ready to be beneficially appropriated by every faithful soul." (2) My satisfaction, however, is somewhat lessened when I look at one of the grounds on which the above conclusion is based. Alluding to the origin of the Lord's supper, "Now all this goes to show that our blessed Lord ordained here a great mystery." (3) When Prince Albert died-a man of the purest life, of the largest benevolence, doing good always ("he delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him")-soon after the funeral thousands of festal and other meetings, ecclesiastical and civil, on various occasions, took place all over the world, and when a president intimated the object, the guests or the assembly rose to their feet as one man, out of profound respect, and in solemn silence drank wine in loving remembrance of their dear brother, Prince Albert the Good. They had known him well, he was their ideal of a great man, his every April 8,

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this other than the common mystery, or more

properly the usual wonder, which even physiology

fails accurately to explain, how the brain brings to it

in a flash the likeness of a loved individual, perhaps

many thousands of miles distant. 4. It is this per-

sistent endeavour to encourage the idea of a special

spiritual intervention or mystery, inherent in the

administration of the Communion rite, which has in

the past done and is still doing great injury to our

common Christianity. I fear that numbers of the

intelligent laity absent themselves from the Lord's

table because they think the mode of administering

the Communion service in the one particular men-

tioned teaches transubstantiation, and I think they

have good cause. True, our honored clergy do

sometimes, perhaps once a year, tell us in their ser-

mons that the bread and wine are only emblems,

but the intervening business of the world makes us

unfortunately forget the instruction, and none of us

can say our preparation for the Communion is all

that it should have been. When there present, we

are suddenly, too suddenly, almost bluntly, presented

with the "body of our Lord." It seems to me to be

an unnecessary, almost a thrilling act of presump-

tion. I have often thought that it would be well, in

the interest of truth and propriety, if this ancient

form were altered and a form adopted by the early

Church authorities, who did not notice or care to

notice, to put it in the mildest form, that the words

of our Lord, "This is my body," were spoken figuratively. We know now that they were so spoken,

and if the above authorities had studied the

Scriptures as they ought to have done, they

would have seen that our Lord Himself told

His chosen twelve that they were figurative.

pressions Jesus used when speaking to His disci-

ples on an occasion previous to the last supper,

about eating His flesh and drinking His blood, to the

fact that he was in great trouble of mind; He was

indeed a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;

the wonder is that He was so calm and collected;

but His language was so unusually strong that His

disciples did know what to make of it. They were

perplexed beyond measure, for they were all Jews,

and one of their most binding laws was, and is to this day, the prohibition to eat blood, "But flesh

with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall

ye not eat:" Gen. ix. 4. "Whatsoever man there

be of the House of Israel, or of the stranger that so-

journeth among you, that eateth any manner of

blood, I will even set My face against that soul that

eateth blood and will cut him off from among his

people: "Lev. xvii. 11. "Ye shall eat the blood of

no manner of flesh, for the life of all flesh is the

blood thereof: whospever eateth it shall be cut off:"

Lev. xvii. 14. 6. This was the strict Jewish law given

by God Himself. Is it conceivable that Christ, who was sent to fulfil that law, would direct His disciples

to break it by drinking His own blood? No! a

thousand times no! 7. It is on record, John vi. 60,

that many disciples were amazed, and forsook Him

and walked no more with Him for His sayings, but

He calmed the minds of His chosen twelve by telling

them that His words were figurative; "The words

that I speak unto you, they are Spirit and they are

life." 8. It is clear, then, that the language our Lord

used was purely figurative. We know that He often

used parables in His discourses. It was the usual manner in which the Jews expressed themselves.

Thus Jesus Himself said, "I am the door," "I am

the vine," "This cup is my blood," and the Scrip-

tures are full of similar passages, as, "God is a rock," "God is a shield," "All flesh is grass," "Your life is a vapour," &c., &c. 9. With great submission

I would say in conclusion to anyone interested that

when the minister delivers the bread the form used

should be altered, as suggested by Mr. Keble

(annotated common Prayer Book, page 387), by the

addition of the words "Receive this bread," as fol-

lows. 10. "Receive this bread, emblem of the body

of the Lord Jesus Christ. Take and eat in remem-

brance that Christ died for thee, and feed on Him in

thy heart, by faith, with thanksgiving." 11. This, in

one sense small, but most important change, would, I

think, be acceptable to the vast majority of Church-

men, and would destroy forever even the semblance

of the absurdity of the doctrine of transubstantiation

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in the English Church. 12. The Catechism, which now reads "The Body and Blood of Christ, which are verily and indeed, (that is, which are actually and without doubt,) taken," etc., can easily be modified. Yours, &c.

Toronto, 23rd March, 1897.

J. Symons.

—Some day He will tell you why He has tried you, and let you look back upon your life story, and see the golden thread of His fatherly love and care shining over it all.

Family Reading.

The Blessing of Death.

Has God one blessing only—the blessing of life? or is there healing in the wings of the angel of death? Shall we shrink from death as the Greeks in Herder's simile, like children covering their eyes with their hands, to hide its horror? or may we welcome it as an angel of the All-merciful, although it robs us of our best and best beloved, and say in the spirit of St. Francis, "My sister, Death?" There are some purposes which cannot be wrought out by life, but must needs be accomplished by death. It is not the faiths for which men are ready to argue, although they forge ever so cunning a chain of arguments, it is the faiths for which they die that conquer the world. God buries His workmen, but carries on His work. Nay, He makes their very death a strength and solace to the generations which are the heirs of their high purpose.

Home the Type of Heaven.

The sweetest type of Heaven is home, writes Rev. T. Holland Day; Heaven is the home for whose acquisition we are to strive most strongly. Home, in one form and another, is the great object of life. It stands at the end of every day's labour, and beckons us to its bosom. And life would be cheerless and meaningless did we not discern across the river that divides us from the life beyond, glimpses of the pleasant mansion prepared for us.

Politeness Pays

"I have often heard my uncle," said the nephew of a noted lawyer, "dwell upon the fact that he owed much of his success in life to a habit of invariable politeness, without any element of toadyism, which had been instilled into his nature by the teaching of a wise mother.

"His first start in his profession came through an old scrub-woman who was employed about the house where he boarded when a young man. One morning he passed out as she was scrubbing the front stairs, and he saluted her politely as usual. She stopped him.

" 'They tell me ye are a lawyer,' she said.

" 'Yes.'

"'Well, I know a poor widdy woman that wants a lawyer, and if you give me your address, I'll tell her."

"The 'poor widdy' proved to be the chief heiress to a large estate in Delaware county, Pa. My uncle became her attorney and trustee of her children, recovered her interest in the estate, and derived a good income from its management for many years."

He Shares Our Burdens.

I knew a Christian lady who had a heavy temporal burden. It took away her sleep and appetite, and there was danger of health breaking down under it. One day, when it seemed especially heavy, she noticed lying on the table near her a little tract called "Hannah's Faith." Attracted by the title, she picked it up and began to read it, little knowing that it was to create a revolution in her whole experience. The story was of a poor woman who had been carried triumphantly through a life of unusual sorrow. She was giving the history of her life to a kind visitor on one occasion, and at the close, the visitor said, feelingly:

"Oh, Hannah, I don t see how you could bear so much sorrow!"

"I did not bear it," was the quick reply: "the

Lord bore it for me."
"Yes," said the visitor; "that is the right
way. We must take our troubles to the Lord."

"Yes," replied Hannah; "we must do more than that: we must leave them there. Most people," she continued, "take their burdens to Him, but they bring them away with them again, and are just as worrried and unhappy as ever.

But I take mine, and I leave them with Him, and I come away and forget them. If the worry comes back, I take it to Him again; and I do this over and over until at last I just forget I have any worries, and am at perfect rest."

Minor Untruthfulness.

There are other forms of untruthfulness besides the direct lie. There are those who would not speak an untrue word who yet color their statements so as to make them really false in the impression they leave; such people would not speak a lie, but they will act one. Their lives are full of small deceits, concealments, pretences, insincerities, dissimulations, dishonesties. We all know how many of these there are to be met with. Let us be true in our inmost soul—true in every word, act, look, tone and feeling, determined never to deceive, remembering ever that there are no "white lies" in God's sight; it is a miserable fiction that thinks there are.

Spring Requires

That the impurities which have accumulated in your blood during the winter shall be promptly and thoroughly expelled if good health is expected. When the warmer weather comes these impurities are liable to manifest themselves in various ways and often lead to serious illness. Unless the blood is rich and pure that tired feeling will afflict you, your appetite will fail and you will find yourself "all run down." Hood's Sarsaparilla tones and strengthens the system, drives out all impurities and makes pure, rich, healthy blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the one true blood purifier and the best spring medicine. Be sure to get only Hood's.

Save Your Temper.

Probably no small article among indispensables of modern life causes more annoyance than a poor pen, when writing. Some say they have never yet found a pen to suit them. Our ideal of a pen is one that seems to glide over the paper without effort, and by its own qualities makes the writing neater and more legible.

Experts in writing say that the Spencerian Co.'s pens are the best. Whether this is so, it is not for us to say, but we are informed that those who send return postage to the New York Office, 450 Broome St., will receive samples of several of their different numbers, among which may yet be found that greatly to be desired thing, a pen that does not spoil one's writing and one's temper.

—A beautiful person is in the natural form of a beautiful soul. The mind builds its own house. The soul takes precedence of the body, and shapes the body to its own likeness. A vacant mind takes all the meaning out of the fairest face. A cold, selfish heart shrivels and distorts the best looks. A grovelling spirit takes all the dignity out of the figure, and all the character out of the countenance. A cherished hatred transforms the most beautiful lineaments into an image of ugliness. —Our Young People.

A Picture of Peace.

In the Pitti Palace at Florence hangs a picture which represents a stormy sea with wild waves and black clouds and fierce lightnings flashing across the sky. Wrecks float on the angry waters, and here and there a human face is seen. Out of the midst of the waves a rock rises, against which the waters dash in vain. It towers high above the crest of the waves. In a cleft of the rock are some tufts of grass and green herbage, with sweet flowers blooming, and amid these a dove is seen sitting on her nest, quiet and undisturbed by the wild fury of the storm, or the mad dashing of the waves below her.

The picture fitly represents the peace of the Christian amid the sorrows and trials of the world. He is hidden in the cleft of the Rock of Ages, and nestles securely in the bosom of God's unchanging love.

There is No Death.

He is not dead. Whose good life's labour liveth evermore He is but sped To join the noble spirits gone before. He is not dead.

What man calls Death Is but a passing sleep in man's Great Life; Man's Spirit saith: "It is the sleep of peace at close of strife; There is no death.

Lost is no soul That nobly suffer'd, labour'd, lov'd, and liv'd; That made its goal The great mysterious Light its heart perceiv'd. Not lost that soul.

There is no death: Though mind and body but a span endure, Man's spirit saith: " My living spirit's highest thought is sure, There is no death."

Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh

A STORY OF THE HOUSE BY THE CATHEDRAL.

By EMILIE SEARCHFIELD.

(Continued.)

"He's a jolly little brick, Ethel, but a young simpleton. Fancy, he wanted to know if this was India!" spoke Jack.

"And isn't be a little darkie?" said Willie. "And, my! isn't his nurse a queer one?"

chimed in Freddie. "I fancy she's spoilt Master Oliver," was Jack's

observation. "Ethie, why do you cry? why do you cry, Ethie?" was what Nellie said, standing by her side, in childish wonder. "Is it because you are glad?" she continued. "Because I am, oh, so glad!" and the little thing spun round on one foot in childish excitement.

Ethel made no reply, only wept softly to herself, the firelight flickering over her fitfully; as for Jack, he was making such an onslaught on the fire as he never would have made had Sarah been present; while Willie and Freddie were putting the cat through a course of gymnastics, which that lady performed with becoming grace, as if accustomed to such antics.

"Ethie, aren't you glad? I am," persisted small Nellie, still at her sister's elbow. "Why, it's almost as nice as finding the little baby in the manger. And, oh! we're something like the shepherds, aren't we, Ethie? They were glad, and so are we. Is it because you're glad, Ethie, that you're crying? Is it, Ethie?'' Two little twining arms were stretched up to the drooping

head and quivering throat; Ethel could but stoop down and kiss her. "No, Nellie; 'tisn't because I'm glad," she

whispered in her ear. "Why, then? I am glad! I am going to peep at him," and away went the little eager feet all along the passage.

"Oh! he's eating a piece of cake, and his nurse is by the fire doing nothing; and Sarah is talking; and they didn't see me," she told them on her return, shrugging her pretty shoulders the

"Oh! I do feel like the shepherds—I do, I do; and I'm so glad 'tis Christmas!'' Dear, little. unconscious soul! What were her words saying to Ethel's heart? And, now, through the silence and the gloaming came a burst of song from the Cathedral—rippling, falling, rising, sinking.

"Oh, 'tis like the angels!" cried little imaginative Nellie, clapping her hands, and bending her golden head to catch the sweet sounds. "Oh. isn't it nice to have a little boy come to us, just like—just like "—an awe stole into the child's voice—"God's own Son?" The small sensitive thing burst into tears at the thought, and clung to Ethel, sobbing.

"Hush, dear! they are singing in the Cathedral 'Unto us a Child is born;' only listen," said Ethel, who was growing calm. The twilight was deepening; her father would soon be in, she would not like him to find her in tears.

Just now Sarah appeared upon the scene.

"Come, Miss Ethel, 'tis tea-time. You put the things on the tray, and I'll carry it in. I've given the little boy some cake, but Mary, that's the-the person who came with him, would like to come out and have a cup of tea with me," was her announcement, whisking round and getting a

"Is the woman's name Mary, Sarah? Oh, I'm so glad; 'tis more like it than ever. I wish there was a manger, and a stable, and Joseph!" cried mite Nellie, wiping away her tears, so like

a summer shower.

" Ah, deary, that was a blessed sight, but 'twill never come again; and there is no need, we can seem to see it all as we read about it," returned Sarah, bustling about getting tea. Ethel was arranging the things on the tray, and now it was all ready.

CHHPTER VI. - WHAT ALL ETHEL'S GIVING UP SEEMED, AND WHAT IT REALLY WAS.

The Cathedral music was hushed, but the bells of a church in the town were taking up the theme, and tellling in their own way the same old story, "Peace and good-will—will—good-will;" so they chimed on, while the small procession went from the kitchen to the little back parlour: Ethel, with Nellie clinging to her dress, going on before with a light, Sarah behind with the tea-tray, Jack, Willie, and Freddie as train bearers, so they said, with the skirt of her dress gathered up gracefully in their tricksy fingers; thus they appeared before the strangers awaiting them.

By the time Ethel had lit the lamp Mr. Graham came in, and Bessie had returned from an errand in the town; then tiny Oliver was folded in his uncle's arms, to be sheltered as his own little son. And Ethel made tea, Nellie sitting on one side of her papa, dark-browed Oliver on the other; Bessie, Jack, Willie, Freddie, and Bertram, who came in last, in their own places, with the holly wreaths glowing and glistening on the walls, and that one word "Welcome" over the mantelpiece, like a silent greeting to some unseen presence. After tea, when her absence would not be noticed, Ethel stole away to her room to think. With the advent of this dark-faced child—this Christmas child, as it were—had come the completion of her sacrifice. There was not the least hope now that she would ever resume her painting studies. They had another child to keep. Her heart was rent with disappointment, and yet in her inmost soul she would not have it otherwise—only the right was so very hard.

She took her painting materials and implements and laid them on her table, took down her easel to pack all away in her closet, and yet-and yet. She knelt down by the table and clasped her hands, bowing her head on them, sobbing as, thank God, only the young can sob.

"Ethie, Ethie, what is it?" asked a sweet silvery voice, and a gentle-faced elderly lady stepped into the room, and to her side, laying her hand on the girl's shoulder.

"Oh! Miss Moore," she cried, raising her tearstained face, "I was just putting away my painting things and crying over it, because it is so hard to do. But I didn't know you were coming," was the sorrowful confession, and down went her head on her hands again.

"Why so hard, dear?" asked Miss Moore. She was a tried friend of the family; her gentle face grew very sad as she bent over the girl.

"Because it is for ever!"

" For ever is a long day. Suppose you were to ask me to sit down, and we were to talk over this dreadful putting away for ever;" her voice was sweet and low, like the tinkling of a summer rill.

"Miss Moore, forgive my rudeness;" the girl rose, blushing with confusion at her forgetfulness, and set her a chair.

"Now, Ethie, tell me all about it." She stroked the bright head, laid in her lap the instant she was seated. Ethel had often sobbed out her troubles there, kneeling at this kind friend's side, since her mother died. Miss Moore had been away all the summer and autumn, so that she knew very little about her young friend's hopes and fears. But now all was poured out.

" It seems like burying one's talent in a napkin, as we read in the Bible," was the poor child's sorrowful remark, at the close of her story.

" Scens, dear, but only seems," was the gentle rejoinder; the Christmas stars were shining in upon them through the uncurtained window; it is really like another more glorious, more exultant act told us in the Bible.

"I don't know; what is it like?" came softly

from Ethel's quivering lips.

" ()r, rather, it might be made like it, my dear." continued her friend. "Think of those wise old heathens, Ethel, opening their treasures and pouring out of their store, gold, frankincense and myrrh. Let this be your gold, your frankincense and myrrh."

They were both silent, and from afar, in the town, came the music of church bells, like angels' voices wooing and calling to the world's sojourners to rise up and pour out of their love, their unselfishness, their choicest, their noblest, their best, for Him who poured out His life-blood, His all. Ethel's tears began to flow, a hot, rushing shower which would not be stayed.

"It is what we are all called upon to do at some period of our lives, dear, if we would have fellowship with Him who came to us as a little child. with no place to lay His head." Miss Moore's voice was sweetly sad, and her hand was tremulous, as she stroked the weeping girl's sunny hair.

While she thus pitied Ethel, Nellie came tap-

ping at the door. "Oh! Miss Moore and Ethel, papa says we're going to have some music, and won't you come down?" was her message, tripping into the room. "Oliver is gone to bed, and I think he's so silly to go to bed so early on Christmas Eve," she informed them.

"He is sleepy, darling, L dare say," observed

Miss Moore.

"Oh, I'm not sleepy. I think people are so silly to be sleepy to night; the shepherds weren't sleepy, or they wouldn't have seen the angels, and heard them sing," asserted the small thing.

" No, Nellie, they would not; so we will all go down and keep awake, and sing for very joy that the angels brought such good tidings for the shepherds and for us," replied Miss Moore, while Ethel turned to bathe her eyes.

"Oh, I'm so glad!" chirped the little one, tripping on before them all down the stairs.

Ethel laid aside her painting that night with a full heart—a heart overflowing with grateful, tender, holy longings, and when the anthem was sung in the Cathedral on the morrow, beginning "Unto us a child is born," her eyes grew misty with tears as she glanced at little Oliver; and she felt that to love one little child more, and that her own cousin, and to lay aside her cherished wishes, was but a small thing to do if it were done for this glorious Child Jesus.

No longer now did she feel the sacrifice great; it was too little to make for Him. No longer now did she feel it hard to make it for Him, it seemed a light, easy, joyous thing. By this fresh throb of love to Him, the cross had already become a crown; and a crushed heavy heart was changed into swelling, soaring gladness. So Ethel early learnt the secret of denying one's self for the sake of pleasing God, and a sweet enough secret she found it to be. It made her as good as gold, and as happy as a queen.

THE END.

Hints to House-keepers.

Scotch Collops.—Cut very thin pieces of beef or veal. Butter an iron saucepan that has a closefitting cover. Put in the meat, salted and peppered, with a large onion and apple minced fine. Cover, let stew till very tender and serve at once

Stewed bananas are cooked till clear in a syrup made of one cup of sugar, one of water, a bayleaf, and a stick of cinnamon. It has to be recorded that though cooked bananas are recognized as far more wholesome than uncooked, children are apt to reject them except in the latter form. Sometimes stewed bananas poured around custard cup molds of corn-starch or rice, tempt the small eaters, though not always. They have to be coaxed and encouraged—one mother encountered recently confessed to bribery—but after a few trials the taste seems to be acquired, and then stewed or baked bananas or banana fritters may become a frequent dish.

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Children's Department.

Two Ways of Looking at a Thing.

"How dismal you look!" said a bucket to his companion, as they were going to the well. "Yes," said the other, "I am thinking how useless it is for us to go to the well and get filled. since we always return empty.'

"Dear me! how odd you should take it that way," said his brother bucket. "Now, I always reflect that however empty we come, we always go away full, and that makes me happy."

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The Voice of Trifles.

In the middle of England was a village, where were a great many "mills," or manufactories, of cloth and other useful things. The machinery in them was turned by a stream of water, flowing from several huge reservoirs, that were made on purpose to collect very great quantities of water, to supply this stream. The people often noticed that when the water in these reservoirs was very high, it used to run through many small crevices in the thick banks of earth which formed the sides of them.

Some of the people of the village fancied that all was not right; "for," said they, "there ought to be no cracks at all in the enbankment; and every drop of water that runs through these crevices makes them deeper and

But others only laughed at them for their fears about such trifles. "Why, if those cracks in the banks would do harm," they declared, "that would have been done long enough ago."

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The others were not satisfied; but they did nothing to stop the crevices, nor to have the banks made sound. And on the 4th of February, in the year 1852, after there had been very heavy rains, and great floods too, in many parts of England, the banks of one of these huge reservoirs gave way. and all the water in it rushed down the stream in a mass, sweeping before it mills, and houses, and bridges, and destroying everything that stood in the

Many of the people perished, and those who escaped understood, in a way they never had done before, how terrible a mistake it is to suppose that things which ought not to be may be called "trifles," and thought no more about.

Just as the people might have known that the banks of the reservoir were not sound, by the little streams of water that trickled through them, so can we tell by the little wrong things we do without concern, the great wrong there is in our hearts.

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Be Honest.

You cannot afford not to be honest. The great necessity of your nature is not that you should be rich or loaded down with empty and doubtful honors, but that you should be a man. And to be a man means to be pure, honest, upright, generous, and everything the Creator designed you should be. A man cannot afford to be dishonest, for the moment he commences to be so, that moment he ceases to be a man. The moment you declare with all your heart and soul your intention to be honest, that moment God comes to your aid and assistance.

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Bird's-Nesting

It was Wednesday afternoon, and the boys at Elm Lodge College had a half-holiday. Two of the boys—day scholars-walked together from the school towards their separate homes. The elder of the two—a dark-haired, pale-faced boy of thirteen—said to the other—a fair ruddy boy, a year or two younger—"I say, Maxwell, what are you going to do this afternoon to amuse yourself?"

"Oh, I don't know!" answered Maxwell; "perhaps go out on my tricycle, or take Molly for a country walk."

"More fool you, if you do that," said Smithson. "Fancy wasting a half holiday in taking one's sister out for a walk. Let's go into the fields and get some birds' nests—I know there are plenty to be found in the hedges in the five-acre field that belongs to your father."

"That may be," replied Maxwell; "But you know my father has desired that I never take birds'-nests, and he would be precious angry if he found out that I did so.'

it!" cried the other. And accordingly, the two boys spent that afternoon in the five acre field, stealing many a nest, and making many a poor little mother bird miserable. It was a very unsatisfactory afternoon to at least one of the boys, for Jack Maxwell would far rather have been taking a harmless

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And away he ran, leaving Maxwell respected by his townsmen. with the nest full of young birds in his hands.

give her his word of honour not to take their respect. a nest again. And then she thought of what could best be done with the of officers, from the generals with great present little unfortunates. She look- honors and at the same time great company?" ed up and found the parent birds were responsibilities, down to the humble hovering near, so she proposed to Jack lieutenant at the very bottom of the to put up the nest in an old cage and list. hang it upon a tree near, where the old birds could see it. This was done, eagerly feeding their children through him. the bars.

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In any army there are various grades

An officer in any grade is very careful to exact obedience from those under so.' and both the children were delighted him, and at the same time vive perfect to see the father and mother soon obedience to those in authority over

Promotion may bring the lieutenant I am sure you will be glad to hear to the general's grade, but never unless that the plan answered perfectly, as all the lesson of obedience has been perthe young birds lived, and Molly set feetly learned. Boys, in life you will them free as soon as they could fly well. find that success and honour are won in just the same way that officers win promotion-by learning perfectly the law of obedience.

Whenever I see a boy who does not

Instead of starting at the bottom

Nothing in nature begins with a growth at the top. Who ever saw a tree or a plant that had blossoms and flowers before it had roots? In Mark after that the full corn in the ear.'

Don't make the mistake, boys, of trying to begin at the top. Think it over. Of all your boy friends, who is the most manly? Is it not the boy Bright, Clerk, of Kingston. "My docwho obeys?

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"Did you ever enjoy it?"

"Oh, very much, auntie. I have been more fond of Anna than of any of the girls, and, until now, she has seemed to think a great deal of me.'

"Was this the only reason for your devotion to her, and pleasure in her

"Why, not exactly. It had some thing to do with it, of course, but I always liked her for herself. She is a lovely character. Mother always said

"Suppose we drop the question of Anna's treatment of you, and think about your treatment of her," said auntie seriously. "Is your friendship of the true sort? How much will it bear? Is it worth much, if it depends upon her moods rather than upon her real self?

"I suppose not," admitted Ethel reluctantly, "but I would not put it

in that way."

"Your actions, or the plans of action, seem to put it in that way, Ethel. It is quite likely that Anna has some perplexing difficulty to settle, some burden to bear, or some absorbing question to meet. Is this a time to withdraw companionship and sympathy and put her on trial, as a friend?

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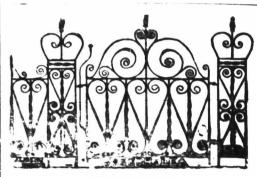
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