

Our beloved Queen is a member of the Church of England (the established church), and the revived Ritualistic controversy in England has led to the re-publication of the oath she took at her coronation. Every British monarch for the last 200 years at least has had to take the same oath, and it must be read in the light of history. It is as follows, and is both remarkable and interesting:—

“I, Victoria, do solemnly and sincerely, in the presence of God, profess, testify, and declare that I do believe that in the Sacraments of the Lord's Supper there is not any transubstantiation of the elements of bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ, at or after the consecration thereof, by any person whatsoever; and that the invocation or adoration of the Virgin Mary, or any other saint, and the sacrifice of the Mass, as they are now used in the Church of Rome, are superstitious and idolatrous. And I do solemnly, in the presence of God, profess, testify, and declare that I do make this declaration, and every part thereof, in the plain and ordinary sense of the words read unto me, as they are commonly understood by English Protestants, without any evasion, equivocation, or mental reservation, and without any dispensation already granted me for this purpose by the Pope, or any other authority or person whatsoever, or without any hope of any such dispensation from any person or authority whatsoever, or without thinking that I am or can be acquitted before God or man, or absolved of this declaration, or any part thereof, although the Pope, or any person or persons, or power whatsoever, shall dispense with or annul the same, or declare that it was null and void from the beginning.”

services of a minister of our Church, but they have never once succeeded, and we may safely say as to the future, that they never will. There has been a desire to clear our church of any complicity with such marriages, and the enquiry referred to we think fully does so.

THE BIBLE.

You find the Bible the patriots' charter book, the child's delight, the old man's comfort, and the young man's guide. In its pages the sick and needy find the solace which they need, and the tempted meet with *TIMELY* succour. Its words whisper hope and peace to the dying, and minister daily food to the healthy and vigorous household. With the pious music of its sublime or plaintive songs echo the roofs of ten thousand Christian Temples; and the child's prayer, night and morn, is lisped forth in the simple and comprehensive words which were dictated by Him who is its central light. — *Dr. Beard.*

Dear Farrar says:—"The message to man came in different ways. It came sometimes in the facts of history, sometimes in isolated promises, sometimes by Urim, sometimes by dreams, and voices, and similitudes, sometimes by types and sacrifices, sometimes by prophets specially commissioned. It takes the form now of annals, now of philosophic meditation, now of a sermon, now of an idyl, now of a lyric song. Sometimes it expands, through chapter after chapter, the details of a single day in an individual life; sometimes it crushes into one single clause the sweeping summary of the records of 20 generations. At one time, it will give the minutest incidents of one event, in a single reign; at one time it will heap the dust of oblivion over dynasties of a hundred kings. We may compare its course to that of a stream which sometimes dwindles into a tiny rivulet, and sometimes broadens into almost a shoreless sea. But it is a stream whose fountains lie deep in the everlasting hills, its sources are hidden in the depths of a past eternity, and its issues in the depths of a future eternity. It begins with the chaos of Genesis, vast and void; it ends with a book which Milton has called, 'The majestic image of a high and stately tragedy, shutting up and intermingling her solemn scenes and acts with a sevenfold chorus of hallelujahs and harping sym-