

CLERICAL WINE.

"During the visit of Rev. H. T. Holliday to Lord Howe Island, he was thrown upon his own resources to provide wine for the purpose of Holy Communion. He succeeded in obtaining a substitute from the juice of the common fuddling raisins blended with hot water." News item.

The Rector's wine was in request—

Just simple raisin juice—

Acknowledged to be far the best

For sacramental use.

No hell-fire to inflame the blood,

Or rouse the passions vile,

But Nature's nectar, pure and good,

Supplied their need the while.

When stranded on the island there,

The story plainly shows

That when the cupboard shelf was bare,

He to "the occasion" rose!

The genius of the Rural Dean

No longer can we doubt;

And, if we read the lines between,

He can't be done without.

We feel quite proud of his success,

And deem the triumph fine,

So fondly hope we'll some day taste

The Rector's Raisin Wine! — W. J. B.

"Gort. House", Kogarah.

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