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[illegible]t is quite true," answered the [illegible]tor. "The exceptional element is not the method, that is, the charging of bread and wine with some further function, but the exceptional thing is the nature of the value that is conveyed by them. Christ instituted this method and pledged His word that in the Holy Communion there should be the value created by His death on the Cross for men."

"Doesn't nature, which is another manifestation of God, work in a similar fashion in the healing of the ills of the body?" questioned the Major earnestly.

"What do you mean exactly, Major?" asked the Doctor.

"Who heals disease, you or nature?" asked the Major directly.

"Not I," admitted the Doctor. "Nature is the great healer. I simply adjust nature to the purpose."

"Exactly. Now for a certain kind of ailment, nature provides a certain remedy. Is not that remedy, that medicinal force, confined to certain substances?"

"It is," said the Doctor.

"Yet it is nature that functions through that outward and visible substance," said the Major. "It is nature's way. She acts through sacraments. And nature is merely a manifestation of God."

"I see what you mean, Major," granted the Doctor. "But what are the exact benefits which one receives in the Holy Communion?"

"Before I answer that, let me suggest one consideration. Is it not true, Doctor, that the attitude of the patient toward the healing power, whether toward the physician or his medicine, is a large element in the effectiveness of his treatment?"

"You mean confidence in the recovery through treatment? Yes. It is perhaps the most important element."

"So with the Holy Communion. I suggest that you take your Prayer Book and study the service from the standpoint of the education of the one who receives the Holy Communion; of the way in which the Church endeavors to arouse the consciousness of the need and at the same time inspires a confidence that the need will be met.

"You will find that the Church leads the worshipper through two phases of the great drama of human life. On the one hand the Church, in this service, goes to the very heart of sinful human nature and tries to awaken the soul of man to the deadliness of sin. The Church presents the dignity and worth and satisfaction of human life and the joy of it when sin is overcome and life is filled with the spirit of God. At the same time the Church presents the other phase of the drama, the effort of God to bridge the gulf between man and God created by sin, and to reach forth to bring men to Himself, to reconcile them to Him. Then there is presented that which is the very basis of Christianity, the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, His death on the Cross, that effected the full, perfect and sufficient satisfaction to God for the sins of the whole world. The worshipper cannot be unmoved by the tender mercy of God toward himself. The worship, if it has been effective, brings to man a realization of his supreme need of God. This realization bares many things to himself. It makes him see that sin has in some way entered his life, that he is worldly, or selfish, or worse. It makes him realize his ingratitude in accepting the gift of life and then allowing it to serve merely temporal ends that perish. It lets him see that at death he will be a bankrupt. It produces a hunger and thirst after righteousness. It produces a desire to be a spiritual person, thinking great, true thoughts, doing great, kind deeds, devoting his capacity to the upbuilding and not the uprooting of every religious effort upon earth. This great drama is a great awakening. Then comes the climax of it all. It is the very effort of God to reach that soul and refresh and strengthen it. So the communicant comes to the Altar, and in a most solemn way and with receptive heart, receives the consecrated Bread and Wine, through which and in which, the power and efficacy of Christ's sacrifice for him are brought to his soul. It is a near approach to Christ that men experience, when with true penitent heart and lively faith they receive these holy mysteries, as pledges of God's love."

"But must not men be very holy in their lives to receive the Holy Communion?" asked the Doctor.

"The Church itself has set forth the conditions under which one is urged to come to the Holy Communion. Christ instituted this sacrament to draw men to Himself, not to frighten them away. No man need question his fitness, only his motive and intention and purpose. Here are the words of invitation:

"'Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in His holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort.'

"If such is your purpose then you may come without hesitation. You must remember that the value of the Holy Communion to any man, is to be determined by experience, not by any process of reasoning unaccustomed by experience. Many a person has found in spiritual exercises, such as prayer and participation in the Holy Communion, great spiritual power, and strength to resist temptation, which he could never find were he content to do no more than reason about them. One of our Lord's most urgent injunctions is to do his will, and knowledge of the power of His injunctions will follow. Trust and act, has been the watchword of many a powerful life.

"Life is always a struggle," continued the Rector. "If one willingly and gladly surrenders to evil and is satisfied, he should not dare to come to the Holy Communion. But if one fights and struggles, if one wills to overcome evil and wills to free himself from its power, then he may come. It is not a sign of righteousness attained, but of righteousness desired. It is to help men, not to crown saints. It is for sinners, but for sinners who would not willingly remain so. It is a refreshment for the battle, not a reward for the victory. So honest men, however far short they may be of their ideals, may come honestly, if they want God's help."

"Does every communicant realize this?" asked the Doctor.

"Maybe not at first, admitted the Rector. "Spiritual things are not discerned by the eye of flesh. Not every man realizes the value of friendships. He debases a friendship by making it serve some personal end, then loses it and only too late realizes that what he [illegible]ome definite usefulness [illegible]eate, to which men [illegible]espect, to give some outlet to his powers, to occupy and engage his attention, to give some means of expression to his personality. He may look upon it as mere work, a way to earn a living. He aims to become superior to the necessity of work, and when free from the opportunity to work, he begins to shrink and shrivel. He is an unattached and unrelated energy, turned to self destruction. He becomes unhappy and finally despairs. Life has no joy for him.

'Not every man perceives his relation to God. He does not realize that peace, love, joy, long suffering, gentleness, and goodness are the very things which he had hoped to gain when he was directly aiming at power and possession. He does not realize that serving God brings at once the things which he hoped to find at the end of a long hard task.

Not every man is sensitive to beauty or joy. It requires greatest self-control, a sublime sense of proportion, a keen sense of values, and a robust faith in the present, to extract the immediate wholesome values of the passing hour.

"So not every man is conscious of his greatest need, the need of spiritual power. When he first comes to the Holy Communion he may do so for reasons which are not the reasons of the one who has learned to see God. But later, when the sense of the passing of temporal things seizes him, when sin assails, or sorrow sears his heart, when his own human strength gives way, and he sees life in its larger relations, when his petty successes which once gave him complete self reliance and independence, and made him so confident in his ability to face life alone, when such successes fail to avert the tragedies of our daily experience, and the man feels the human foundations tottering, then he will come to his communion with a more complete conformity to God's will, with more earnest desire to make God a partner in life's enterprises. Then he will see the truth of the saying that 'the things that are seen are temporal, but the things that are not seen are eternal."

"The Episcopal Church, I assume then, believes in the growth of the spiritual life," said the Doctor.

"Precisely. The Episcopal Church sets forth, in this service, in words of supreme beauty and power, the truth of the development of spiritual capacity and achievement. Slowly but surely its children are educated. Righteousness is no chance product, no hothouse flower dependent upon the emotional appeal of some revivalist, but the steadily rising structure of a Christian life. Every moral law, every spiritual substance, every righteous principle, every reasonable faith, every certain hope, every precept of Christ, every virtue of holiness is builded into the growing character. That is the ideal. And the crowning practice and supreme spiritual achievement and active expression of strength, the complete appreciation of the spiritual forces and truths, all find expression in the devout life of the communicant, in the weekly celebration of the Holy Communion.

"It may take years to come to the full understanding of it all, and to find in this service a spiritual exercise and refreshment of the most sublime and exalted character, but this realization finally crowns faithfulness.

"So the Episcopal Church has ever fresh treasures for its people. They do not exhaust its wealth at a bound. Year after year the Church opens up new vistas of truth, new strengths to be attained, new avenues of effort, new reservoirs of power.

"The child at the Altar is giving expression to the simple melody of trust in Christ and obedience to the simple rules of life and conduct which he may understand. But the man at the Altar is giving expression to the great oratorio of worship, with its minor chords which experience has woven into his life drama, with its complex themes such as life has written for him, with the crash of tumultous notes that work and burdens and defeats have created, but it closes with the climax of harmony which reveals the surrender of his individual will to the will of Almighty God.

"So the man at the Altar is the conqueror, master of himself, bending wayward human impulses to God's plan, strong in his convictions, tender in his judgments, certain in his faith, fervent in his good works, and confident in Christ his Lord and Saviour."

The Rector ceased, and rising, walked to his desk. Resting his head on his hands he added, somewhat wearily,

"I would to God that my people might realize the richness of life which the Church is holding forth to them. They would never fail in faithfulness could they see the unsearchable riches of Christ, instead of always gazing upon the earthly vessel which contains them."

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