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I was pained to see the sadly superstitious practices in the Church. It was a wet day Morning service & many men mostly young men were present looking serious and devout. They knelt in the aisle as they entered crossed themselves devoutedly. Then took their places & united most fervently in chanting the Litany. and at the close as they with drew turned to the Chancel & bowed with great solemnity crossing themselves again. Such are the changes which have come over a parish which once had for its Rector Dr Cutlaw. & for one of its worshippers Henry Cornish

Nothing could be more courteous than the treatment I received

I went first to the Solicitor of the Parish who very kindly referred me to the Beadle & furnished me with a note to the housekeeper She took me round to see all that was in the church and told me the Rector was Minor Canon of St Pauls and on duty that month and would be performing service at St Pauls & would indoubtedly see me there if I asked the Verger to shew him to me. I did so as he came out of the Choir. and he appointed the next day after his Litany service at his own Church It was there I went with him & after service he opened the iron Chest in which the Records are locked up & took out the Volume for the years asthese he had handed to search & carefully went over it with