

MISCELLANEOUS.

ODE TO HYPOCRISY!

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Respectfully dedicated to Dr. Knight, author of "Praise of Hypocrisy."

Blest Falsehood! Thou that gracest life
In all its myriad ways,
That stays the tongue of witless Truth
And turns its sneers to praise!

"Amenity," euphonious name,
We thank thee for the grace
Thou teachest us to show our kind
When meeting face to face.

Yet more we prize the privilege
When once behind their back
Of blistering their self-conceit
And putting fame to rack.

The most of life that men enjoy
Is fashioned by thy hand;
The "noble rage" of Poesy
By thee is softly fanned.

Romance that sweeps the soul along
Above life's rocky road,
And thrilling minstrelsy are sheaves
From seed that thou hast sowed.

The sage who pens on deathless page
The thoughts we love so well,
Inspires from thee the trembling hopes
His soul delights to tell.

Religion's dreams of endless joy
Beyond the dreaded tomb,
In myriad creeds and tongues, were born
From thy capacious womb.

The bright ideals that shape man's life
 Since first the world began
 Are reflex of thy charming self
 Upon the mind of man.

E'en now with all our boasted grasp
 Of nature's boundless realm,
 In all affairs of life and soul,
 We give thee still the helm.

We dare not trust ourselves alone
 Upon Truth's barren sand—
 In calm or tempest, still we cry,
 "Oh, hold Thou still my hand"!

THE ANGLICAN CATHOLIC COMMUNION.

Dr. Wm. Thornton Parker, whose article on "The Swastika: A Prophetic Symbol" appeared in the September *Open Court*, has called our attention to an error in our note "Old Symbols in a New Sense" (p. 573), in which we refer to him as a "Roman Catholic," while in fact he is a zealous member of the Anglican Lay Order of the Brothers of Mercy. At our request he sends us the following list of external points in which the Anglicans differ from the Roman Catholic Church:

"I. While many Anglican Catholics venerate the holy pontiff Pope Pius X as the spiritual head of Christendom, the Anglican community does not recognize the authority of the Vatican government in any control of matters religious in the English or American Catholic Church!

"II. The Anglican Communion does not refuse the chalice to the laymen on Holy Eucharist; on the contrary, it insists upon the literal command of our Lord at the institution of the Blessed Sacrament on Maundy Thursday, 'Drink ye all of this'; 'This is My Blood which was shed for you.' Rome withholds the chalice from the laity.

"III. The Anglican Communion does not make confession obligatory before giving Holy Communion to the laity,—Rome does.

"IV. The Anglican Communion does not insist upon a celibate clergy, and priests of the Anglican Communion wed or not as seems to them best. Rome insists upon celibacy in her priests with some Eastern exceptions.

"V. The layman has a voice in the government of the Anglican Communion.

"VI. All Christian Churches including the Roman encourage the reading of the Bible, but the Anglican Communion alone gives the layman a definite rule, or lectionary, for reading the Old and New Testament twice daily, and also a rule for reading the Psalms in her incomparable psalter, and encourages congregational singing as much if not more than other Christian Churches.

"VII. The Anglican Communion insists upon the services being celebrated in the vernacular. Her prayer is printed in many languages and is in use over the entire world in multitudes of places. The Roman Communion uses