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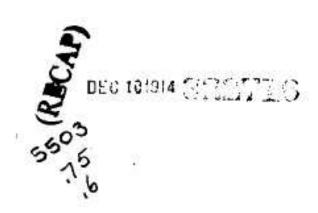
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"Event Christian may, and should be, ready, in matters of indifference, to sacrifice more opinions on the altar of peace and good order, and to yield a prompt obedience to inwful ecclesiastical authority. Such principles lead to the maintenance of the Church in her integrity. They forbid us to attempt amalgamation with surrounding brethren, separate, alike, in doctrine, polity, and institutions. Such views and conduct are often stigmatized with opprobrious epitheta. It is under such circumstances that a determined spirit of obedience to God, in all things, is required of us."-Biance Da Lancar's Sermon, published by request of the Wordens and Vertry of St. Luke's Church, Rochsster, N. Y., 1845.

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Two materials out of which the biographer must construct his work, are oftentimes much more scanty than would be generally supposed.

It is but seven-and-twenty years since Bisbop Ravenscroft's decease, and yet, when the attempt is made (and that, too, with no little diligence and seal) to discover his surviving friends, and to note down their remambrances of him, the task is found to be almost as difficult as in the case of Bisbop Seabury, who has been dead for more than sixty years.

The truth is that we are living in a busy, bustling age, and one generation treads so closely upon the heels of the next, that the departed are too soon forgotten, and the benefit of their example, in many cases, is lost to the Church.

This consideration, among others, has prompted the writer to prosecute his task of preparing this series of biographies, with all the expedition which so serious an undertaking will permit him to use.

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"Stand, like an anvil," when the stroke Of stalwart men falls fierce and fast;" Storms but more deeply root the cak, Whose brawny arms embrace the blast.

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"Stand, like an anvil," when the bar . Lies, red and glowing, on its breast; Duty shall be life's leading star,

And conscious innocence, its rest.

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"Stand, like an anvil," when the sound Of ponderous bummers pains the ear; Thine, but the still and stern rebound Of the great hear; that cannot fear.

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