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## CHAPTER I.

### THE INITIAL IMPULSE.

THE grand idea of making a batch of new saints for the special use of the Church of England, as by law established, was conceived in the mind of the Rev. Kentigern Maniple, at a meat-tea in his own clergy-house. The Reverened Mother of St. Betsy's Home had just been saying that there was a telegram in the papers announcing the Beatification



of the English martyrs, when Mr. Maniple spoke these never-to-be-forgotten words—

“Why shouldn't we do it too?”

“Do what, Alexander?” asked his sister, fearing that her brother was going to propose some scheme which would increase the already long bill at Messrs. Banneretti's great warehouse for “articles of piety.”

“The Romanists have just Beatified a number of English martyrs,” answered Mr. Maniple, “and I repeat ‘why shouldn't we do it too?’”

Then spoke Miss Scruger—a thing she seldom did, but the few words she ever uttered were supposed to be “always to the point” (whatever that may mean), and were listened to, in her own set, with respect and even

awe. This was what she said upon the occasion in question :

“Mr. Maniple, those words of yours ‘why shouldn’t we do it too!’ or other words to the same effect, may be said to have been the initial impulse of every movement, in a Catholic direction, taken by the Church of England from the days of early Tractarianism down to the present moment. Let me add that I fully agree with you. We have already done every-thing else ; so I also say of this ‘why shouldn’t we do it too?’ ”

“Very, very true, dear Miss Scruger,” said the Rev. Mother. “But you know I like to be practical, so I will add my say to Mr. Maniple’s, and it is this—‘Why shouldn’t we do it at once?’ ”

"And who *is* to do it?" asked Miss Smith, the associate.

"I am sure that Mr. Maniple would be most welcome to the use of our chapel for the purpose, if he should think it well to do it this very night," said the Rev. Mother. "I can not imagine a better manner of proving our belief in the Communion of Saints, than that the Father should come down this evening and proclaim some new blessed ones from our altar. It could be beautifully decorated in half an hour, and after the function we would sing a solemn *Te Deum*."

"Saints are not made in an evening, Rev. Mother," said the curate, who was very Roman.

"I never said Saints, Mr. Smiles. I said Blessed Ones."