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## Prefatory Note.

LIBRARY SETS

This volume of evidence has been compiled for the purpose of showing what Ritualism in the National Church still is, and what the measure of its disloyalties continues to be; and it has been put together in the hope that it may be of assistance in connection with any discussions that may take place during the Session of 1902 in one or other of the Houses of Parliament.

The evidence is taken from two sources :—

- (1) **The popular manuals of the Ritualistic party, now in circulation.**
- (2) **Reports, specially supplied to me by competent and reliable correspondents, of services which have taken place in London and the immediate neighbourhood since August, 1901.**

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As regards the manuals, copies of all those from which quotations are inserted have been purchased since the opening of the present year (1902).

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As regards the services, I desire to accept full responsibility both for the good faith and for the substantial accuracy of the reporters whose accounts I have used.

I believe that the evidence will commend itself to impartial minds as conclusive that there has been no

real restoration of order in the English Church, and that in consequence loyal Churchmen have an incontrovertible claim upon the Legislature to a fulfilment of the pledge implied in the Government Amendment of May 10th, 1899.

W. E. BOWEN.

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EARL'S COURT, S.W.  
*January 16th, 1902.*

# The Indictment against Ritualism.

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The following allegations will be found to be substantiated in these pages against Contemporary Ritualism, not as it is found always and everywhere, but as it exists at times and in places :

1. The Celebration of Children's Eucharists.
2. The Doctrine of a local Descent upon the Holy Table at the moment of the Consecration of the Elements.
3. The Reservation of the Sacrament, with Visits for the purpose of Devotions and Adorations.
4. The use of an illegal Ritual approximating more or less closely to that of the Roman Catholic Mass.
5. A Doctrine of the Presence in the Holy Communion scarcely distinguishable from Transubstantiation.
6. The Celebration of Requiem Masses.



7. The use of Devotions from the Roman 'Ordinary of the Mass,' and of Secret Prayers from the Roman 'Canon of the Mass.'
8. The Inculcation of habitual Confession to a Priest.
9. The Celebration of unauthorized Festivals.
10. The Invocation of Saints.
11. Devotions to the Virgin.
12. The Inculcation of the Doctrine of the Immaculate Conception.

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