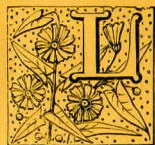


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LAST month we referred to the meaning of the declaration which we make every time we repeat the Apostles' Creed, which is that we believe in the Holy Catholic Church and we say it practically every time we attend church. It may be helpful if we very briefly continue that subject. The Holy Catholic

Church to which we belong and to which we owe loyalty, has four distinguishing features.

First we have the *Bible*, which is the Church's book. But the Church was not founded on the Bible as much of it was written before the first Feast of Pentecost. It was written by holy men of old and by the Apostles and their disciples. It reflects God's Will and the Church's life and teaching. The Book of the Acts of the Holy Apostles is the first history book of the Church.

Second we have the *Creeds* which sum up the Bible in short. They contain the interpretations and judgments of men who were inspired by Christ their Head.

The *Ministry* consists of men who hold their sacred office through the commission handed down from Christ Himself.

The *Sacraments* are always held to be the outward means through which Christ bestows His blessing on His children. They are 'means of grace'—something far more than just 'outward and visible signs'. The two vitally important are Holy Baptism and the Holy Communion which the Catechism says are 'generally necessary for salvation'—the word 'generally' means of course completely necessary.

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AT the time of writing details are not available of the Garden Party at Winterbourne Kingston which was in aid of S. Nicholas Restoration Fund. We can, however, say that it was a great success in every way. Rain seemed to be everywhere except at Kingston where a delightful afternoon was spent in the lovely garden of the Old Parsonage. As the result of much hard work and enthusiasm the fund should benefit to something over £80.

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THE work on S. Nicholas tower is now almost complete with the exception of certain extra work which is desirable but not essential. Lack of funds makes anything more impossible at the present time, but the tower is now thoroughly safe and sound and we hope that later on the final stage may be completed.

## Register

### Holy Baptism.

June 8th. Mark, son of Frederick Percival and Brenda Pitfield.

June 9th. Edward James, son of Graham John and Pamela Ann Burt.

June 30th. John, son of Thomas Ernest and Edna Violet Marsh.

July 7th. Wendy Ann, daughter of Cyril Kenneth and Valerie Joan Cox.

### Holy Matrimony.

June 5th. Francis Burgess and Ethel Kate Percy.