

Is There Danger of Contagion From the Cup in the Holy Com- munion?

"This is an age of change. Nothing is safe from the hands of the iconoclasts," says the Rev. Dr. R. Marshall Harrison, rector of St. Paul's Church, Bellingham, Wash., who is strongly opposed to the method of administering the Blessed Sacrament by intinction, which has been authorized by a number of Bishops, and practiced in a large number of parish churches during the influenza epidemic. "One would suppose" continues Dr. Harrison, "that a venerable and sacred institution such as that of the Lord's Supper ought to be safe, even in such

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dissatisfaction; but nothing is safe.

"In the Mother Church, the question as to danger of contagion from the Cup in the Holy Communion, has already been met. A number ofading medical men of the Church investigated and discussed thoroughly the matter, and decided that the risk was practically nile. This should satisfy everybody, but does not.

"Some years ago, one of the prominent Life Insurance men of our country asked me whether I knew that ministers of the Gospel lived longer, on the average, than any other class of men. I answered that I had for a very long time understood so. He then said, 'I will now tell you something that you do not know. The Clergy of the Episcopal Church live longer, on the average than the ministers of any other denomination.' And yet the priests of the Church are the only men in Christendom who, after few or very many have communicated, drain the dregs of the dregs from the chalice. Could there be any more indisputable proof than this that there is absolutely no danger from contagion in the cup?

"Of course, if our priests were self-respecting, they would immediately curl up at the foot of the altar, after their first administration of the Second Sacrament, if the victims of germonphobia were anywhere near the truth in any of their statments; but they do not. They persist in living, and in living longer, on the average than any other ministers, who are excused from such contaminating exposure."