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CARDINAL PRINCIPLES.

1. The Lord Jesus is the only Head of the church.
2. The name Christian, to the exclusion of all party or sectarian names.
3. The Holy Bible, or the Scriptures of the old and New Testaments, sufficient ¹⁴ of faith and practice.
4. Christian character, or vital piety the only test of fellowship or membership.
5. The right of private judgment, and the liberty of conscience, the privilege and duty of all.

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Naval Ships in Hampton Roads.

At 8 o'clock Monday morning five of England's big war ships, headed by the flag ship Blake flying the pennant of one of her vice admirals, came majestically in the roads from Lynn Haven Bay, where they had anchored over night, let go as many bow anchors and fired the customary salute. They are as follows: The Blake, armored cruiser, 9,000 tons; Australia, armored cruiser, 5,600 tons; Magicienne, protected cruiser, 2,950 tons; Tartar, partially protected cruiser, 1,770 tons, and Partridge, partially protected cruiser, 7,550 tons. The Blake is 20,000 horse power and the largest in this respect of any that will take part in the manœuvres, domestic or foreign. Before 8 o'clock this morning, Col. Frank, commander of the army post, was informed by Admiral Gherardi that the British vessels were coming up from the capes and that they would be along in an hour. This was notification to stand by and salute the visitors after they had fired 21 guns in honor of the American colors, and the fort was prompt in doing this. The fashionable set were ruthlessly awakened by this bombardment and the reverberation of the mighty guns of the Blake and the answers that came quickly back from the post and flag-ship Philadelphia. Hardly had the dense curls of white smoke disappeared from the muzzle of the guns, when the Blake started in to assure the French, Russian and Italian flags of her distinguished esteem and consideration by saluting the commanding officers of the four vessels with the number of guns due their rank. During these ceremonies the flags on all ships were constantly changing from one country to another, and to an on looker it was apparent that if there ever existed any ill-feeling between Russia, England and France, there were little remnants of it left.

The appearance of these five cruiser ships of the Queen's navy presented as they moved majestically over

the water and past the outer end of our fleet to the anchorage grounds designated them by Admiral Gherardi, was one of the prettiest sights ever seen here. At the head of the fleet was the big armored cruiser Blake, the counter-part of our own ship, the New York, heavily armored and the most formidable ship that will be in the review. In her wake was the protected cruiser Magicienne and behind her came the monster armored cruiser Australia with her sides toothed with fierce looking high power guns. Gliding gracefully next was the cruiser Tartara and in the rear was the little bark-rigged cruiser Partridge. In perfect line they sailed in with signals flying from their tops and yardams and the ensign of the country floating from the taffrails of each ship. At the mast head of the Blake was the pennant of Vice-Admiral J. O. Hopkins, K. C. B. commander-in-chief of the fleet, and upon the signal halyards were combinations of the yellow and white signals to the ships behind her.

Sweeping by the fleet, the Blake slowed down just as she passed the Newark, and when abreast of the Philadelphia the signal was displayed to the other ships to anchor. As quickly as the signal was seen, just as quick were the five bow anchors seen to splash the water into foam, and the deep rumbling of the chain could be heard as forty fathoms ran through the hawse pipes. With the flood tide all five ships promptly swung around with their noses pointed out to the roads, and forming a line extending a mile out. The firing commenced and was kept up incessantly for half an hour. At 11 o'clock Admiral Hopkins put on his cocked hat, buckled his sword on and embarking in his gig was pulled over to the Philadelphia, where he saw Admiral Gherardi, heard 15 guns fired of in his honor; and then departed to his own vessel to get ready to receive our Commander-in-chief, who went through the same preparations and had the same number of guns discharged for his benefit. These courtesies having exchanged,

the noise was suspended for an hour. Later in the day Admiral Hopkins called on Col. Frank and was received as became his rank. Col. Frank returned the call, and the Blake was again called upon to honor an official of our country.

The weather continues perfect. The sky is as clear as a May day, and the water smooth for the Roads. The barges, steam launches and gigs were plying constantly to the ships carrying those anxious to see the new arrivals. As every every new ship arrive the attention of the ladies changes temporarily to her officers, and today it would seem that the Britishers are to the front.

The Dutch frigate Vanspeyk, late this afternoon, anchored in the Roads. —Sel.

The Revised Version.

Is it a failure? It certainly has not come into general and authorized use in the Churches. It certainly has not displaced the King James' Bible from the affections of the people. It does not command approval as to its style and use of English words. A great number of the changes made were small and unimportant. Before the revision, Ellicott proposed 75 changes in the Sermon on the Mount. The Revision made 127. Bishop How, writing in the *Epositor*, proposes to reduce these to 24. Yet it remains an invaluable contribution to the study of the Scriptures. It is a splendid gift of modern scholarship to the church. Beyond doubt it has brought the mind of the church nearer to the mind of the Spirit of God in his Word. It is, no doubt, well removed from a final revision. After it has been thoroughly tested, both by scholarship and by the piety of the church, the really valuable results will be gathered. Some day the Spirit of Christ may move the church to another revision. More than ever it will be seen that a fixed principle, in English revision must be that the wonderful translation of King James will be the basis, and from it there must be no variation, except where truth imperatively compels, and then in the accepted language of that "well of English undefiled." —Ez.