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Catholic Apostolic Church

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*Note from the underdeacons to our members who may  
be worshipping in one of the Scottish Episcopal  
congregations*

The underdeacons feel that some of these members would like to have further guidance.

As we announced at our last meeting in church, two of us had an interview about a fortnight ago with the Bishop of Edinburgh. We were most kindly received, and it was clear that the Bishop was anxious to do all he could to make the regularising of our position easy for us. At the close we knelt down and he offered prayer.

Most of you are probably aware that he was seriously ill with a heart attack in the early summer, and is still under doctor's orders. He is trying to carry out his ordinary duties as far as he is able, but he must avoid overstrain, and we must not therefore expect too much from him. He said that he would be glad to have a list of our members attending churches under his charge, and this has been sent to him, with a note as to who are already sealed and also of those who are regular communicants on our list.

One of the regulations of the Episcopal Church is that confirmation by the Bishop is necessary before anyone is admitted to regular communion. The Bishop would not insist on this in the case of sealed persons, but he would expect others to be

confirmed. Our experience, however, is that priests in charge of congregations are very willing to allow our members to go up to communion (as guests, as it were), before being confirmed.

The intention of the Bishop seems to be to deal with our members, who wish to be placed under his charge, through the rectors of the individual churches. The underdeacons therefore suggest that these members should see the rector or priest-in-charge and give him a written note of their name and address with a request to come under his charge. If a sealed person, you need do no more. If not sealed, you might add words like these: "I desire to become a regular communicant and to be confirmed in due course."

We have been exhorted to take our place alongside our brethren, and we must be ready to do what the Bishop wishes.