

MEN OF THE DAY. No. 713.

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CANON EYTON.

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**R**OBERT EYTON, Rector of St. Margaret's, and Canon of Westminster, was born to a Shropshire parson three-and-fifty years ago; since when he has played the parts of a Shrewsbury boy, a Christ Church man, a deacon, a priest, a curate, Rector of Holy Trinity, Chelsea, and Prebendary of St. Paul's. He has also been Sub-Almoner to the Queen for sixteen years. He is a broad Churchman in more ways than one, who has preached and published many sermons; he made of Holy Trinity, Sloane Square, one of the most fashionable resorts for church-goers; and he has taken much of his following with him to St. Margaret's.

He is fond of gardening, and he is often seen on a horse. He is a lucid preacher, generally extempore, always earnest, sometimes amusing, occasionally sarcastic, and often a hard-hitter at the Sins of Fashion and the Faults of Society. Therefore Society loves him. He has a slight brogue and an interesting manner; and he is one of the few parsons who tries to take the layman's point of view without conventionalism.

His manners at table have been called Johnsonian; and he is not always clothed in purple and fine linen.