

CORRESPONDENCE

THE PASSION PLAY OF 1922.

To the Editor of BLACKFRIARS.

SIR,

May I make a correction to this article? My companion's recollection of the Last Supper differs, he tells me, in one respect from mine: *viz.*, that he remembers each of the disciples to have received Holy Communion *kneeling*. Of the two memories his is more likely to be right.

This correction is also worth making, I think, as a simple example of the way in which eye-witnesses will differ even when they have no motive or desire so to do. I was once accused of flippancy for saying that few witnesses were less reliable than eye-witnesses. Now, years after, the fact is proved upon myself. The moral seems to be, not to scorn eye-witnesses but to regard with much misgiving the legal trick of cross-examination which, when unscrupulously played, can often tie them up in knots. Perhaps truth seems, designedly, a tangle that only guilelessness may find the clue?

Yours faithfully,

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