

## *Religious Obedience*

this consistent moral reasoning, especially when these minds are accompanied by delicate consciences. But what is not easy may at least become easier if such conscientious minds may take the example of a citizen who made a vow to obey the King or the President in all commands which the King or President had a right to issue. Such a vow would assuredly add to the subject a new obligation of obedience, but it would add no new right to the King or President.

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### *THE INN*

(At Midnight Mass)

**I**S this the best that Bethlehem can afford?  
But is my heart much kinder to the Lord?  
The angels kneel in their impassioned awe:  
Mine is the beast's breath and the hard stiff straw.

THEODORE MAYNARD.