

Finch & C^o



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LITERATURE

THE WORD 'PYX' COMES FROM THE GREEK WORD ΠΥΞΙΣ, 'PYXIS' MEANING BOX OR RECEPTACLE. FOR KEEPING DRY THE CONSECRATED WAFERS USED IN THE COMMUNION SERVICE SYMBOLIC OF THE 'BODY OF CHRIST'.

