

with teaching or allowing a corporal presence ; still less that last, and most fatal, development of a materializing theology, Transubstantiation. Surely things Heavenly and spiritual are real ; nay, some would say, the only realities.

I have ventured these remarks, not so much to declare my own opinion, as to convince you that the question in each case, which has been so warmly disputed by ill-educated people, is rather *etymological* than theological, not about the doctrine, but the name ; that we are substantially agreed, if we agree in the plain teaching of the Catechism, and Articles of our Prayer Book. I shall be amazed if reasonable and pious men, who have subscribed these Forms of sound words, can suppose that there is occasion, or room, for contention and controversy, because they do not agree in the meaning or application of a particular term.

I should be most unwilling, as I am unworthy, (except in consideration of the Office I hold among you,) to occupy your time and attention with any declaration of my own sentiments and views. But in these days of not unreasonable suspicion, it may not be altogether out of place to assure you that I still, with good Bishop WILSON, "sincerely and heartily thank God that I was born in a Christian and Protestant country." I have not, you may be satisfied, been an unconcerned observer of the disputes and dissensions, the schisms and separations which have prevailed in our dear native country, and dearer mother Church. And although my numerous and pressing avocations have, in some degree, deprived me of the leisure and desire to enter upon the whole field of controversy, I have read, or heard, whatever has been urged of most weight, and given to the different questions agitated some, and I trust,