

to do something more than commend—to stand by and help them? But does not a lay member of the Church take part in these very services? In Baptism, for instance, does he not adopt the office as much as the officiating minister? If he brings up his children under the Prayer Book, can they escape the influence of such an atmosphere? Ought a man to be a member of a Church who is in constant protest against its plainest teaching? Is it right for such an one, for the sake of social advantages, or even for some measure of religious gratification, to conform?

Finally, let it be the aim of us all to make our Nonconformist Churches not merely protestors against evil without, but themselves so pure, so large-hearted, so earnest, so devout, and so peaceable, that there shall be *no temptation* for a *good* man to seek a religious home elsewhere. Not by separation from any erring church, but by living union to Christ, shall we fully vindicate our claim to have descended from the Confessors of 1662. May "a double portion of their spirit be upon us!"