

examined and called in question by the daring intellect of man. We are, indeed, assured, that truth is great enough to prevail in the conflicts of to-day, as she has in a thousand other conflicts in times past. But still it is the sight of a *living Christianity* that will best answer these doubts and difficulties. Practically, there is no argument like the holy lives, and humble, happy deaths of true believers; and even the world would confess that God is with us of a truth, if it saw the several congregations of the Church abounding in devotion toward God, and love towards man. In this way also shall we best work towards promoting the *unity of the Church*. Many good men feel a yearning desire to see the several churches and communions of Christian men brought closer together. And it is well to seek the peace of Jerusalem; to remember that our Lord prayed that His people might all be one, and that St. Paul found fault with the Corinthians for the divisions which there were among them. Still, if *unity* is precious, *truth* is even more precious. And if the Church of England, holding, as she does, a middle place between different forms of error, is to be of use in helping to heal the divisions of the Christian world, this is how she must strive to do it. Not by going back to errors which she has renounced; not by weakly giving up, to please others, any part of the truth which she has received, but by speaking the whole truth in love, and by striving to train up all her children, and to build up all her congregations, in ripeness of faith and holiness of life.

Remember, therefore, that every family, by its good or evil example, does something for the safety or danger of the state. Every separate star, even the smallest and the faintest, adds something to the glory of the host of heaven; and every congregation, by its earnestness or its carelessness, helps or hinders the work of God, in spheres far wider than itself.

Glad den, then, the hearts of your pastors, by your fervent devotion. Be always ready to offer the sacrifice of prayer and praise. Let your hearty responses, and loud amens, show that you are in earnest. Draw near to the Lord's table with faith towards God—with love towards man—with prayer for all. And especially remember to offer all your prayers to our Blessed Saviour, and through Him to the Father. At His feet lay down your gifts; in His honour sing your hymns; in His name make known your requests; in all sacraments, let it be His grace that you seek for. Be like those who knew that they would be safe if they could only touch the hem of the garment of Jesus of Nazareth.

Lastly, if there was joy when God made the earth, there shall be joy also when He shall make the new heavens and the new earth. Surely, the gladness at the end shall be even greater than that at the beginning. The long reign of sin, and pain, and death, shall come to an end, like some frightful dream, or as the passing away of some great fear or trouble. The sons of God in every world which He has made shall sing and shout for joy; for the "redeemed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads, they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and mourning shall flee away."