

The question arises—where have these minds been educated and prepared to write and lecture against revealed religion? The Devil was not idle whilst men slept. For a long time the University of Oxford has been cursed with the influence of Stanley and Jowett. Cambridge is poisoned by Maurice and Kingsley. The principal writers in that infidel book "Essays and Reviews" are at the head of large educational establishments, and when we reflect that the leading Rationalists of England were the pupils of the late Dr. Arnold, the Head Master of Rugby School, we may well stand aghast at the prospective evils of so many great seminaries of learning. In these the most influential men of the nation receive their first and most effective bent and training. Among such teachers of youth, disbelief in the Bible is now the one uniting principle. ?

Sion College is an institution belonging exclusively to one branch of the London clergy, and has all along been regarded by some as a stronghold of "the pure Gospel." But the Record says that even into this apparently well-guarded fold, two soul-murderers in the shape of infidel lecturers have lately found admittance, and that one of these wolves in sheep's clothing is a clergyman.

The Record now begins to see the danger of divisions and jealousies among the believers in Jesus, and—it is to be hoped—will change its own tactics accordingly. It is now beginning to long earnestly for unity. In time it may learn to prefer the election of bishops by Synods of the faithful to their nomination by infidel Prime Ministers. It may also begin to see ere long that it is better to try and examine cases of doctrinal offence before the Church in Synod and Convocation, rather than before unbelievers. The first eight verses of the sixth chapter of 1st Corinthians will now throw some light on our ecclesiastical law-suits. We now discover the reason why, in these suits humble faith is put to the worst, whilst bold infidelity comes off with flying colours.

The great pity is that these discoveries had not been made simultaneously in all sections of the Church. We well remember that whilst on this side of the Atlantic the Bishop of Fredericton was, by some of his own flock, held up to the world as a most dangerous person, and the Bishop of Oxford as well as several of his brethren among the English bishops were eagerly watched and loudly denounced for their ancient mode of blessing the people, or some equally flagrant offence, Bishop Colenso was quietly going on with his infidel criticisms on Holy Scripture. Whilst the *Times* and other such papers were zealously encouraging S. G. O. and his fellow church-worriers, and keeping up a continual ringing of changes on "our simple Protestant faith," the same papers were furiously denouncing every attempt on the part of the Church to bring Colenso to his senses, or cast him out. They fought with all the instinct of self-preservation against the Lambeth Conference—the fore-runner of revived Councils in the Anglican Church. No doubt it was highly gratifying to those enemies of all revealed religion to find professedly religious papers joining their ranks and bringing the upholders of the unlimited rights of private judgment to follow their lead, or at all events fight their battle. It would also, no doubt, greatly gratify them if the Ritualist controversy could be kept up, in order still further to divide those who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. They see clearly enough that all men cannot be forced to think exactly alike upon matters of detail, and that a large class of minds will always cling to ritual and symbol,—as the history of Freemasonry and many such societies has abundantly proved. Though others may blindly attempt to expel Nature, these sharp-sighted free-thinkers see clearly enough that the persecution of Ritualism would only contract the catholic boundaries of the Church—thrusting out some to