

controversies of our day, for some controversy there has always been; we learn also charity and forbearance towards one another.

If, in dependence upon the Holy Spirit, we can carry with us into our Synod the spirit of brotherly kindness in "honour or preferring one another," discussing difficult and exciting questions with manly and Christian forbearance, we may indeed hope our deliberations will be productive of good to the Church of God and of profit to ourselves.

All who shall have taken part may return each year refreshed and edified, full of purpose to do more and to sacrifice more for the highest objects which can engage the energies of man. When the results shall go forth, "the decrees for to keep,"—the doctrines and principles and order of our dear Church of England, which we shall have confirmed and applied to our special circumstances, "the churches" will "be established in the faith," *—the faith unmixed with novelties of mediæval days or with smooth things to suit 'the spirit of the age,'—the solid Verities of God, revealed to us in Christ and His Apostles, recorded in the Scriptures, summarized in the Creeds, transmitted to us in the Church. May this movement also be productive of an increase of labourers in the Lord's Harvest, an increase in the number of the Churches, an increase and deepening of the true life of holiness amongst us, an increase in the number of souls brought to Christ in penitence and trust, and an increase to that great multitude whom no man can number of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, whose perfect bliss is described in the figurative language of the final Scripture, they stand "before the throne and the Lamb, clothed with white robes and palms in their hands," and sing with everlasting praise, "Salvation to our God, which sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb." †

* Jude, 3.

† Rev., v li, 9-10.