

will be the most orderly first to hear Mr. Orthodox's view, and then my explanation will be offered by way of contrast.

ALPHA.—A charitable man, according to Mr. Orthodox, is one who forms a favorable opinion of other professors not having the same religious views, kindly and graciously believing that there are as good people as himself, although their views of the laws of Christ and their understanding of what is obedience to them in many respects differ. One of this liberal sentiment, he said, had the true charity, and was a christian indeed. It was, he affirmed, a certain sign of heterodoxy and bigotry to find a professor of religion judging others, and denouncing them as apostates and followers of false teachers, because not entertaining views exactly of the length and breadth of his own.

OMEGA.—Did he quote any texts?

ALPHA.—Yes, father, a great number. His proofs I believe were satisfactory to the whole audience, myself and a few others excepted. He quoted most liberally from the fourteenth chapter of Romans. "Who art thou that judgeth another man's servant? to his own master he stands or falls." "Why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at naught thy brother?" "God hath received him." "Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind." And the greatest emphasis was put upon these words, "*Let us follow after the things which make for peace.*" Then he referred to the thirteenth chapter of first Corinthians. "Though I have the gift of prophesy, and know all mysteries, and have all knowledge, and though I have faith to remove mountains, if I have not charity, I am nothing." And the last quotation, if I rightly remember, was from the apostle Peter's first epistle, fourth chapter. "Above all things have fervent charity among yourselves, for charity will cover a multitude of sins."

OMEGA.—Previously to making any remarks upon these important and instructive sayings of the divine word, I desire, my son Alpha, to ask you a few questions. On more occasions than one I have called your attention to the proper division and reading of the scriptures. What I mean by a proper reading of the scriptures, is a reading that takes notice of the particular subject before the writer's mind, the character of the persons to whom he writes, the occasion or reason of his writing, and the bearing and design of the arguments and illustrations he introduces.—Speaking of the subject of Epistles one morning, I remember it was illustrated and impressed by an allusion to the correspondence connected with our debating school. If, said I, there should be a letter in the Post Office addressed to the President and members of the Picton* Debating Society, the Post Master could

* The name Picton is here used as being more familiar than the name of the town in the ancient vale.