

of chief shepherds of the flock, not according to the standards of respectability or the surroundings of city or towns, but in the country, in the wilderness, in every exposed point where a Divinely authorized leader can gather around him even a small body of Priests and Deacons, to make battle with him against the great enemy of souls, and secure new triumphs to a Saviour's cause. We want men for these positions worthy of the high office, men of deep learning and scholarship, moved to the heart's core with love to Christ. We want men whose honour will be the bright intellects which they have consecrated to their Master's work, the holy devotion and earnest piety which will surround them with the aroma which is only to be derived from the close contact and companionship of Jesus, not the title of lordship, and any little regard which might be given to such imaginary rank. "Distinctions which derive their birth, solely from fiat of this earth, should not by such as they, be sought." A due regard being also given to the revival of a true Diaconate, the Church would be in a position to work to some purpose and effect; in the raising up of the walls of Zion on every side, in making provision for the training of the Lambs of the Flock, now too frequently lost to the Church from the absence of all means but that of a godless education. A Bishop would have time to consider and deal to some practical effect, with all the issues of the work, and instead of the present general view at the most, necessarily followed by chaos and torpidity, new life, and power would be everywhere developed. The Episcopate being restored to its primitive place in the agency of the Gospel, the presence among us of one recognized by all the clergy as uplifted above them by his Apostolic dignity and Apostolic position, and therefore raised far above the envy and jealousy which too frequently are the results of Parity, a spiritual Father among his spiritual children, would be the strongest bond of peace, love and respect. Harmony and life would be given to every Missionary and Parochial work, the Bishop would be the driving-wheel whose personal influence and presence would inspire energy in every portion of his small Diocese; weak and staggering missions would find new strength; tottering Parishes would rise from their ruins, and all because there would be a recognized authority not only to whom all might look at a respectful distance, but whose kind solicitude all would receive, and because then we should be laying and establishing a literal claim to the promise, "Lo! I am