

subject the calm consideration of a moment but what would see at a glance how perfectly ridiculous and contemptible would be the position of such a man, with all his self-sufficiency and consummate assurance, and how thoroughly lost he must be to all the high, holy, liberal, generous, and noble feelings of humanity. Such a man might be justly compared to a refractory soldier, at the siege of Troy, described by Homer in the following lines :

Thersites only clamoured in the throng,
Loquacious, loud, and turbulent of tongue,
Awed by no shame, by no respect controlled,
In scandal busy, in reproaches bold.

God has made man to differ on a variety of subjects, and it is the duty of man to mix up with, and meet all those conflicting elements with the spirit of a Christian, and with a kind and gentlemanly demeanour, never forgetting that he is himself a fallible being liable to err, and standing on one common platform of human weakness, and imperfections, remembering also that God has given to every man the sacred right of thinking, judging, and speaking for himself; but unfortunately there is a foolish and wicked antagonistic spirit abroad in the world, which knows no bounds, sees all actions of an opponent through a false and distorted medium, and anxiously waits and watches for an opportunity to blazon to the world his every real or imaginary failing, and through a powerfully magnifying lens, presents to the unwary and superficial observer, the petty mole heap swollen to the ponderous mountain, which the dim, dark, and murky vision of party prejudice receives as a true and natural object, and the deluded man chuckles and rejoices, and flatters himself that he has got possession of an additional weapon which will place him on vantage ground, and pave the way for a final triumph, and a glorious victory over his opponent. It is no uncommon thing to see political antagonists anxiously waiting for an opportunity to pick