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Secretaries, including both Clergy and Laity of high position and influence. In the Report for 1873, it is stated: "From these branches much practical support is obtained. By their combined action the general movement can alone be efficiently maintained. Isolated efforts are comparatively of little avail when such an organized system of attack is so dexterously conducted and so persistently arrayed against the Church." But while the Council, in reviewing the work of the year, record their deep thankfulness to Almighty God for the help and strength given to them: "Already," they say, "the Association has made itself felt as a power in the land; its progress has been marked with many and signal blessings; and our enemies themselves being judges, it is the great breakwater between Evangelical truth and Sacerdotal pretensions;"—yet they add: "The Council feel the absolute necessity of being allowed an untrammelled course of action, in order that everything may be done calmly and prudently to meet the ever-shifting policy of those who seem determined, if possible, to undermine the foundations of Protestant Christianity. Rash and ill-judged attempts, however they might for a time satisfy the desire of those friends who think that nothing is being done unless the noise of the movement is heard, would only frustrate the cause that we all have at heart, while they might imperil the very existence of the Association. To hasten slowly is often the safest speed. Steady progress can alone secure final success."

This assuredly is no time for the cry of "peace! peace!" when the Church is exposed to insidious revolt against all the grand triumphs won for her by the blood of martyrs and confessors at the Reformation. But the members of this Association seek for no party triumph. They earnestly desire to avoid a controversial spirit; and while refusing all compromise where the vital truths derived from Holy Scripture, and embodied in the Liturgy and Articles of the book of Common Prayer, are imperilled; they know and feel that the real object they have at heart, in aiming at a vital revival in their beloved Church, of that evangelical and spiritual truth, for which the martyrs of the Reformation willingly laid down their lives; can only be attained by striving to work in the spirit of their Divine Master. Wherever they have failed in this, they know that they have tended to defeat the cause they have at heart, and to give its enemies occasion to triumph.

But whatever organisation may be finally determined upon, those who undertake it must count the cost. Already the work of the Association involves a laborious correspondence; and the