

“warranted to educate the best youth of England for all days to come, in nothing better than a polished ungodliness.”

But while the storm is threatening the Church at home, Dr. Colenso is exercising his legal position, as Bishop of Natal, with all the bitterness and violence which he can; supported, doubtless, by the statements of the Archbishop of York and the Bishop of London, he openly persecutes the Catholic party. We can hardly wonder that some persons despairing of the Church of England, have sought refuge in the Church of Rome. Yet, at the same time, we regret deeply that secession to Rome, which the last decade had not seen, has again commenced: those who have left us will not find greater rest within another communion; the spirit of scepticism is quite as widely spread among their priests, as among ours, although it may not have yet caused so great a scandal. And those who thus turn their backs in the hour of danger, show that they have no power of endurance in the cause of religion, when they leave the city that is most hardly beset; in our Church the battle of Christianity and the world is being fought, and in our Church, by God's aid, the battle shall be won. We have treasured the Bible as the Word of God even in our darkest days, and we will not let it go now, that the clouds gather round us, and the storm threatens. But it certainly is a keen blow that this attack upon the Bible springs from England; where the Book has been printed most extensively, criticised most reverently, and circulated most freely, that thence should spring this deadly attack upon it; that Bishops of our communion should, the one openly deny the Divinity of our Blessed Lord, and the Inspiration of those Scriptures to which He set his seal, and the other proclaim to the world that he upholds the heretical bishop, because he is not deposed by the Civil courts. And this evil has to be tolerated because we are so divided, and fancy ourselves even more divided than we really are. But in the presence of this common enemy may we not unite our strength; are there not thousands and tens of thousands still, who cherish the Divinity of our Blessed Lord as the ground of their hopes? There are thousands and tens of thousands who openly or practically deny it; there never was an age when more bitter hostility was shown to our Saviour, but on the other hand, there never has been an age when he was more fervently adored, more heartily worshipped, than the present; and if those who love their Lord with deep, heartfelt, reverent love, and adore Him with all their souls, could but join in one compact mass, the scattered forces of the enemy, though perhaps numerically superior, would, and must, yield in the conflict. The unity of the truth gives it a power over error; where truth is, there alone is union possible. And truth there is in our communion, divine truth, and light shedding its gos-