

and others were at issue ; and I have found an increase everywhere in the zeal, the attendance, and knowledge of our people. Two or three may have doubted the necessity of thus openly speaking the truth, yet they all the time allowed it to be the truth, and thus only shewed their own want of zeal or firmness, rather than my want of faithfulness. For these I pray that they may have a greater zeal for God, and for all, let us pray that our zeal may be according to knowledge, and not after the traditions of men, or the deceitfulness of our own puffed up or misled reason.

We now come to the subject before us. I am anxious to inform the minds of my people upon the difference between the Church of their Fathers, which happens happily to be a branch of the true Church of Christ in the world, and that known as the Roman Church. It has long appeared to me as if Protestants were, to an alarming degree, forgetting the great reasons which induced our pious Bishops and fathers of the Reformation to fight so manfully, even "to the death," for the doctrines and principles of our Church. Our own Clergy have not perhaps preached so often on the subject as they ought, and I fear that I myself have shared largely in the general neglect in this matter, especially when I remember that by the Canons of the Church, which I have sworn to obey, we are bound to preach four times a year against what is commonly called Popery. From this cause perhaps it is in a great measure that there is a belief gaining ground among the young and uninformed, who seldom hear the Clergy speaking against these things, and who have no other means of learning the truth except at the "Priest's lips," that both Churches are much alike, and that it is little matter to which we belong. Advantage is thus taken for inter-marriages, and for making concessions which would never be made if a proper acquaintance on the subject existed among the people generally.

The duty of Protestants is to obtain all the information they can on the principles of the Reformation and the nature and spirit of the Roman Church, teaching the same to their children with all possible care, while they should