

trials, and all her afflictions, the possession still of the ancient glory of her great lineage ; and for ourselves the right, the privilege, the duty of maintaining that filial attachment we owe to her, as our Parent Church, —still worthy of our reverence and love, and of the relation in which we stand to her.

It is, however, on no narrow and isolated ground of strict denominationalism that we would stand on this great occasion of services, this day rendered, in commemoration of our common Protestantism ! On ground common to us all, we take our place in honor of that reformed Doctrine, which is the secret of our strength—the source of our confidence in the stability and enlightenment of our race. We desire to swell, in our hearts and with our voices, the chorus of that hallelujah, so many now are lifting to the praise of Him, who did such great things for our common Faith in the days of old. And our prayer is that, one in heart, and one in spirit, if still it must needs be from different stand-points, and in separated communions, we may continue to lift the same testimony against Popish error, and in honor of Protestantism—especially in the Presbyterian type of it, which forms still a leading glory of our Father-land. Here, where in different circumstances, we do find ourselves in a mixed community of various Creeds, let our endeavour be to provoke one another to love and to good works, whereby the common good may be advanced, the glory of God promoted, and the Kingdom of His Son be the more widely extended, and the more firmly established and perpetuated—and thus “His will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.”