

nothing upon trust. In the beautiful language of Sir John Herschel, on another subject,—tampering neither with the honesty of the testimony, nor the honesty of his own mind. Let him read for instance, if he can procure it, the Book of the learned Blondel, who was employed by the Assembly of Divines at Westminster, to bring forward all that could be adduced in favour of the Presbyterian form of Church government. After this let him peruse Hammond's dissertation against Blondel; or if he cannot have access to these, there may be substituted for them, Lord King on the Primitive Church, and Slater's Original Draught, Dr. Campbell's Lectures on Ecclesiastical History, and Bishop Skinner's Primitive Truth and Order.

To conclude.—With respect to the Petitions given in to the General Assembly of the Province, praying for an alteration in the Charter of this College, and in the constitution of the Madras Board, I shall say nothing; the Legislature will deal with them as in their wisdom they may seem fit; it would be highly unbecoming in us to agitate in the matter. If the Doctrine, the Order or the Discipline of this Church be attacked, the Church must look to us as her Ministers for her defence. But let us in no case whatever be the aggressors. Let us leave all in the unmolested possession of that unquestionable right of free enquiry which belongs to every rational being. But if ever we should be dragged into controversy let us enter into it with that spirit which actuated the immortal Hooker, when he said, the day will come when three words spoken with meekness and charity will avail more than three thousand volumes composed with disdainful sharpness of wit; and let us follow a still brighter example, viz. that of our Blessed Saviour, who upon all occasions bore evidence to the truth, and who, before Pontius Pilate, witnessed a good confession, yet who, when he was reviled, reviled not again, &c. Let us all be cordially united among ourselves, avoiding all party and private feeling, have but one end in view—the Glory of God and the increase of His Church. That Church, founded upon the rock of ages, against which the gates of Hell shall not finally prevail, but which in God's good time shall go forth; terrible as an army with banners, conquering and to conquer.