

excesses, and that those excesses have been fallen into by a smaller number of its adherents than any similar attempts of the like extent and effectiveness with which we are acquainted.

The number of perversions to Rome both among clergy and laity has been estimated at a thousand,* but what comparison is there between this number and the multitudes who in this great Reformation forsook the truth, or the masses who in consequence of the Wesleyan and "Evangelical" movements were induced to leave the Church.

Let us then be thankful that Almighty God is, by His good Spirit, stirring up the hearts of His faithful people to an earnestness in His service that has been long unknown, and let us banish all unreasoning fears of popery as long as those who minister to us cling closely to the letter of the Prayer Book, which is our great security against all Romish error.

We have brought our task to a close. We have written plainly and strongly—holding back nothing which we regard as true, and shrinking from no consequence which that truth involves. We have sought, however, to make our statements in a kindly and candid spirit, and shall grieve if in our advocacy of the truth we have sinned by so much as a single word against that christian temper which alone is worthy of it.

* See Newland's admirable Lectures on Tractarianism.