

That this party has also a noble record of good work, it is impossible to deny. It was from their ranks, at the beginning of the last century, that Robert Nelson and his friends established the first great Missionary Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts, as also the sister association for promoting Christian knowledge. It was by their efforts that irreverence in divine worship was gradually removed, and that, now, every section of Christendom recognizes that to worship GOD in a neglected building and with slovenly performance of the Church's ordinances, is not a proof of a spiritual worship, but rather of its complete absence.

But here again, the shadow is found with the light. Ignorant followers, zealous without discretion, unable to exercise the true balance, made all Truth and all Holiness to consist in obedience to authority, and performance of rubrical ordinance. The outward sign alone was magnified: the element of personal faith in the inward and spiritual grace was ignored. And so, from one side as from the other, came bitter words of recrimination: "You are not preaching the pure Gospel!" said one party. "You are making the Word of GOD of none effect through your traditions." "And you," exclaimed the opposite side, "you are faithless to your vows of ordination. You are despising those ordinances and sacraments which CHRIST commanded."

And thus, in bitter strife, the crowning virtue of charity was lost. And worse than this. Exaggeration and one-sidedness have this terrible after-effect, that they