

for ourselves, we must give it to our neighbors, who do not deserve to be called Roman because they light candles and mix the chalice and turn to the East. Nay, we must be prepared for being invited some day to give a good deal more. There have always been at least two currents of religious thought in the Church, and there always will continue to be ; and to try to drive out of the Church brethren who alarm or distress us, but who have a distinct right to be there, may provoke dangerous reprisals, and will but fatally retard the spiritual and vital duty which is the only sure way of maintaining the pure truth of God. We have in this day to reckon with what may not inexactly be described as the Church Renaissance movement of the 19th century, a movement which, both in scientific research and biblical criticism and artistic culture and study of music, is beautifying life, deepening theology, widening sympathy, stirring missionary zeal : also is influencing profoundly and visibly and much to their advantage all schools in the Church in turn, the Evangelical, thank God ! as much as the rest. We can no more prevent the subtle but growing influence of the artistic and the objective elements in the public worship of the present time, by denouncing it as Popish, than we can keep Erie from going down Niagara Falls, by shaking a stick at it. If we cannot and will not accept any of it for ourselves, let us not be so unwise or so unfair as to grudge it to our neighbours. Our grudging it, indeed, will make no difference in their taking what they please, and what the law of the Church gives them, but it puts us utterly in the wrong, and diminishes our influence for good. To me, indeed, it seems that there are far graver matters to think about than those portentous trifles on which so much needless acrimony and useful resources have been spent. My last words shall be an appeal for patience, and for wisdom, and for charity, and for forgetfulness of self. To wreck the Church of England would be a crime against Christendom ; to weaken or hurt a brother's conscience by rashness or egotism, is a sin against Christ. To my brethren in middle-life, I solemnly and anxiously appeal -to those who sit in the chairs of government, who train and influence the young coming up so fast behind them, not only their successors, but their sons, whose written words and spoken voice and daily life, go to make up the religious atmosphere of our time, who consciously or unconsciously are moulding the Church of the future. The Prayer-book is the link of concord between Churchmen, as the Bible is between Christians. Let us hold fast by the Prayer-book, neither adding to it nor taking from it, and then we shall be Churchmen of the right type - Churchmen who have a right to claim the cherished name, and to whom others will not refuse to give it - Churchmen whose Churches are in no danger of being mistaken for chapels of " the Italian Mission," whose sober but living devotion shall neither smother the young with its dulness, nor vex the old with