

the agents of their spiritual head, ever ready to obey his godly admonitions, and unflinchingly to advance at his command, in every path of duty? The only conclusion we can arrive at is, that wherever any field is too large for one overseer of the Church, the remedy lies not in any deputing of his powers to inferior officers, but in the multiplication of his equals, the committing of a like office to other faithful men, that so the agency of Christ may be everywhere extended, and the Church may not be deprived of that organization whereby God intended the Holy Catholic Church to be propagated, and so we may not adopt the perilous expedient of substituting our wisdom for the wisdom which came from above. No Bishop holds his high office for his own personal or selfish grandeur; he holds 't for a specific object, and he receives it with the obligation to continue and multiply the same according to the necessities of the Fold. There is some reason to fear that we have suffered from the association with the state which has led to impressions quite foreign to the essentials of this holy office. The Lordship of the crown has hidden from our people, too much, the more loving and attractive and only real character as the shepherd of the flock, the earnest looker after our spiritual welfare, as he that must give an account, more properly honouring the state, than being honoured by it; for no lordly title can add to the dignity of a Bishop in the Church of God. The same State chimaera has beset the actual workings, and brought other influence to bear beside a single eye to the fulfilment of the commission to preach the Gospel to every creature; and at every turn have law officers, Letters Patent, and mandates impeded our feeble gropings after every baptized Christian's birthright, the supervision and paternal interest of a "Father in God." So encumbered have the true position and claims of a Bishop been by all these accidents, that, in view of the history of the past, and the actual position of the present, with but a shadow of the Apostolic ministry of the Church, we may well inquire, "Where is our reverence for the Episcopate?" We are now, at last, in the good providence of God, relieved from all embarrassments, and the field before us, in our country and the world, with such a leaven of the Apostolic succession, as will enable us by the blessing of the great Head of the Church, to retrieve what has been lost to it for many centuries, viz. the restoration of a God-appointed and sanctioned ministry to its primitive pattern and proportions, the multiplication