

is far more of such organization underlying the epistles of Timothy than you are willing to admit, and I believe it could be worked by us very scripturally and to very great purpose, and might be brought to bear upon this very question now before us."

We have it on the highest authority that "great men are not always wise," and profoundly as we venerate the truly noble man who so long and ably filled the pulpit of the Weigh-house Chapel, we cannot help thinking he was not altogether wise on the occasion referred to. He has not yet published his exposition of the Epistles to Timothy, and we are therefore unable to say what new light he may have to throw upon them. But, in its absence, we may form a tolerably correct opinion of the sort of "moderate episcopacy" which obtained among the primitive churches from an incidental allusion, in Cor. xvi, 12 v., to the manner in which even Archbishop Paul was accustomed to exercise his authority in those days:—"As touching our brother Apollos, I *greatly desired him* to come unto you with the brethren; but *his will was not at all to come* at this time; but he will come when he shall have convenient time." Think of a modern "Lord Bishop," rejoicing in all the dignity of an unbroken Apostolical succession, deferring to the "will" of an humble presbyter in that style!

What a liberal people we Congregationalists are! So appreciative of all the excellencies of others, that we can hardly see anything to admire or value among ourselves! We suppose that if all the concessions that have been made, at different times, by individual ministers among us, in relation to doctrine, ordinances and polity, should be set in array against us, we should not have a distinctive principle left! Really great and excellent men, whose position gives them a *representative* character in the eyes of other denominations, often, unthinkingly, do us much harm by this jaunty and non-chalant treatment of the important questions at issue between us; and we shall expect to see the above extract from the speech of the great London preacher, published side by side with the utterances of the Rev. T. K. Beecher, as irrefragable testimony, from Congregationalists themselves, to the scripturalness of Diocesan Episcopacy.

A very small crumb of comfort, however, is often thankfully received by needy people. Bishop Coxe, of Western New York, who has been casting about these months past, for something in these same Epistles to Timothy, or elsewhere, with which to meet Professor Bartlett's trenchant article against Episcopacy, will surely regard it as a godsend. He will