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doctrines and discipline. Nor has it been less useful in counteracting the influence of certain Journals which have been constantly employing the most vindictive and vituperative language against her. The truth of all this is so manifest, that I feel myself warranted in respectfully urging upon you the duty of using your influence in extending the circulation of this excellent Journal in your several parishes and neighbourhoods, in a manner more hearty and zealous than some of you have hitherto done. I would also recommend to such of you as may have leisure, to write an article occasionally on some prevailing calumny or misrepresentation of the day. We shall thus render the Press what it was undoubtedly designed to be by the Giver of all good, and what under His wise providence it will in time become,—the promoter of Truth and the servant of Religion. Not that I call upon you to be writers, for this may be inconvenient; and many of you have neither time nor inclination for such employment: but I do call upon you to support the *Church* newspaper, although every word or article may not be according to your views and wishes; for to expect this, would be to expect an impossibility. It must be conducted by one mind, and the minds of its readers are many. The Press is an engine of vast power, and, if rightly directed, of immense importance, and it will be used in this Diocese for good or evil, whether we hear or whether we forbear.—Now our object is, through this Journal, to promote the cause of our holy Religion, as taught by our Church in her Articles, Common Prayer Book, Creeds, and Homilies. It is the only channel by which our people through the whole Diocese can be effectually warned against the venom of the revolutionary journals and pamphlets which are daily occupied in poisoning the sources of our domestic, civil, and political welfare; and it is the only means we possess of guarding our people against the sophistries and cavils of Dissent and Romanism on the one hand, and of Infidelity and irreligion on the other. Such are the objects which the *Church* newspaper seeks to accomplish, and hitherto with a measure of success far greater than we had reason to anticipate. It has had, from the beginning, my full confidence; for although I could not approve of everything it contained, the spots were as trifles to its merits; and knowing the great ability and true piety of its Editor, I feel little sympathy with those who, because of some minor differences, are ready in a moment of irritation, at a word or expression which they dislike, to turn against an instrument so extensively useful and almost essential to the prosperity of the Church. I know that it is much read and esteemed in the neighbouring States as well as in England, and takes its place in the first rank of the religious periodical press. I therefore again recommend it as worthy of your zealous and strenuous support.”