

than man. Wickliffe's health now began gradually to decline, yet he preached the word of God in season and out of season; till at length, on St. Innocent's day, 1384, he was attacked with another fit of the palsy, and shortly afterwards expired. After his death his bones were dug up and burnt by his enraged enemies.

The writings of Wickliffe were numerous and learned; his doctrines were generally those of the reformed church, though in regard to baptism he is said to have agreed with the Baptists; his followers increased, and he assisted greatly in bringing about that reformation; by which all wise and good men have been delighted, and the history of which is so interesting and important. Wickliffe was a man who seems to be placed as much above praise as he is above envy. He had well studied all the parts of theological learning; was skilled in the canon of civil and municipal laws; was grave, yet cheerful, and, above all things, loved God with all his heart, and his neighbours as himself.

### CONTROVERSY AMONG BRETHREN EDITORS.

When I look back on twenty-two or twenty-three years and see the unexampled success that has through the grace of God attended our feeble efforts, when I compare our beginning with our present state in the present time—I see abundant cause of humility and thanksgiving to God our Heavenly Father; indeed I know none who have more cause than we have, to be undividedly the Lord's. O that we all did indeed properly appreciate the great blessings that we have received. O how abundantly have our joint labors been crowned with success. But if you please, with all this success, look at the fearful amount of the carnality, pride, worldliness, covetousness, and lack of humility, that are manifested in those who have through our ministrations professed the worthy name of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, is not this of itself enough to humble us in the dust of humility?

So writes an amiable and estimable brother, of Ohio, in view of a late unhappy, sharp-edged, alienating controversy between sundry editors upon the question, 'Shall we, the disciples, have a Publication Society?' The discussion of this topic, or any other topic relating to the action of the churches, if prosecuted in Christian style and for the truth's sake, is, we think, every way lawful and commendable. But when the powder is made up of the ingredients of personality, and the shot appear like pills of carnal bitterness, mixed with the large cast iron doses of number six or number ten of that compound called self-interest, the best of the Lord's people are mortified and humiliated.

Still, when there is much carnality in any man or any religious body, it is doubtless safe for us to know it; hence if the spirit of strife, selfishness, willfulness be in any disciple or any number of them,