

lieve that God really had sent His Son ; would cease to be the world, and would joy and glory in its Redeemer. If those who call themselves Christians were all really so ; if they were one in Christ and strove to be perfectly one ; if, amidst all differences and distinctions, they had a profound affection for one another ; if their very controversies were models of courtesy, and their very disputings examples of meekness and humility ; if brotherly communion, even with those widest apart from them ecclesiastical-ly, were earnestly sought by them, and brotherly co-operation habitual to them, the effect on society would soon be very visible. The sarcasm of the unbeliever would be silenced ; the native loveliness of the Gospel would be made manifest ; and Christians, thus one in heart and life, in affection and action, would

come, with a moral might unknown by the world for ages, to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

“Nothing,” said one of the greatest of English philosophers, “doth so much keep men out of the Church, and drive men out of the Church, as breach of unity.” “Keep your smaller differences,” was the exhortation of the Reformer of Geneva ; “let us have no discord on that account ; but let us march in one solid column, under the banners of the Captain of our Salvation, and with undivided counsels, from the legions of the Cross upon the territories of darkness and of death.”

Now, unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end ! Amen.

