

following extract from his preface to the translation of *De Mornay*¹: "If any Atheist, Infidel, or Jew, having read this work with advisement, shall yet denye the Christian religion to be the true and only path-way to eternall felicitie, and all other religions to be mere vanitie and wickednesse, he must needes shew himself to be either utterly voyd even of human sence, or els obstinately or wilfully to impugn the manifest trueth against the continuall testimonie of his owne conscience."² At the same time Golding did not antagonize even such a bitter partisan as Nash, from which circumstance we may conclude that his Puritanism was not of the kind that was given to controversy. Indeed his wide learning, his interest in classic literature, and his patriotic enthusiasm over the improvement or vindication of "verse or prose in English," as expressed in his commendatory stanzas prefixed to Baret's *Alvearie*, would not lead us to expect to find him serving among the followers of Martin Mar-prelate. These stanzas—Golding's only original work in poetical form except the dedicatory epistles—have never been reprinted as far as I am aware, and may perhaps rightly claim a place here:

Arthur Golding to the Reader.

The plesant iuice that Prime of yeere doth yeeld
In herbe, in flower, in leafe, in plant, or tree,
By natures gift abroad in frith and feeld,
Or mans device in gardens not so free
As faire and finelic kept, the busie Bee
With restlesse trauell gathereth to his Hyue,
To how great use, they knowe that knowe to thryue.

And *Barret* here (good Reader) doth present
A Hyue of honie to thy gentle hand,
By tract of time in painefull labor spent:
Well wrought, and brought to such perfection and
Good purpose, as (if truth be rightly scand)
Thou art to blame, but if thou be his detter
Of earned thankses, and fare by him the better.

¹ Quoted in Zouch's *Memoirs of Sir Philip Sidney* (York, 1808, p. 368, not.).

² "Post Calvinum et Bezam nullus theologorum tam bene scripsit ut Mornaeus." *Scaligerana*.