

the Church and realm of England." What can be more fair or just? Whatever, therefore, may be the cause of the attempt to put them down, it is not church lawlessness on their part. What, then, can be the cause of their being so bitterly hated? It looks very much like jealousy. It may not be that, but it is very like it. It was this inflamed the hatred of Jacob's elder sons against Joseph. "Israel loved Joseph more than all his children." Joseph had succeeded more than they had in winning the old man's affections. Ritualists have also succeeded where others have failed. They have succeeded in fostering a higher devotional life among the people, in raising up within them greater personal religion, in bringing them into more frequent communion with God, in opening up more numerous spheres of usefulness, etc. Society is morally low, and it has ever felt a jealousy against those who work their way above its level.

Of all the passions that haunt the heart, this one of jealousy is the most accursed. While we, my brethren, strive, through grace, to kill all vices, let us make sure that not a trace of jealousy lives within us; and let us pray for all who are its unhappy victims. It is more pestilent than the plague, more terrible than death, fiercer than hell. It is the counterpoise of all the transports of beauty. And it rewards all who cherish it with an awful doom.

It is recorded in Grecian story that "Theagenes, a celebrated victor in the public games of Greece, had a famous statue raised to him by his countrymen, and one of his rivals, inspired by the demon passion of jealousy, went forth in the silence and darkness of night, and endeavored to throw it down by repeated blows. At last he succeeded,—but before he could escape it fell from its pedestal and crushed him to death." This fact