

extreme low Church party in England as their leader, but who is nevertheless equally respected by all. I heard that able and learned divine utter these words at the Nottingham Congress, and I quote them from the official Report:—

“Our beloved Church does not get the full benefit of its numbers and position, for want of reforms and sensible adaptations to the advanced requirements of the times. It persists in wearing the old clothes which were made for our grandfathers 200 years ago, and is consequently cramped and hampered when it takes the field.” “Let her infuse fresh blood and vigour into her machinery, and show the world that she is elastic and not cast-iron, and can meet the times; then will she renew her youth like the eagle, and not be ashamed when she speaks with her enemies in the gate.” [Doubtless it was this very sentiment which has wrought the many improvements—undoubted improvements—which we have witnessed during the past few years. The wretched old Metrical (?) Psalmody of Tate and Brady has retired before the Evangelical and truly poetic as well as Scriptural “Hymns, ancient and modern,” The New Lectionary for the first time used on the first day of January last, has superseded that which had been in use for three hundred years; and those who watch Church movements view with amazement, if not with somewhat of alarm, the sweeping changes proposed to be introduced by the Archbishop of Canterbury.] I regret however that I am obliged to make these explanations not on the loving invitation of whole-souled church-members, but in refutation of the false and slanderous gossip and chit-chat which has occupied certain ignorant and wicked detractors and afforded food to their ill-constituted minds, during the past week, persons who have even attempted to parade their supposed grievances before the public, and to have their aspersions against their Pastor inserted in the public press of our town with the secret stab of the “anonymous correspondent.” I am glad however to find that the conductors of our newspapers had too much self-respect to allow their columns to be prostituted to such an unworthy purpose.<sup>a</sup> I am always, not only too ready, but too happy, to explain to any member of my flock or to any inquiring soul to whatever denomination he may belong, any difficulties, which may arise in his or her mind respecting either doctrine or discipline.