

body and mind," no less than of the soul and spirit. Hence, we see that both the Jewish Ritual, and our Lord's teaching respecting the box of precious ointment, and also those glimpses of the grandeur of the New Jerusalem and its gorgeous Evangelic Worship, which St. John was permitted to record, do all show that our Infinitely Wise and Gracious God adapts all His relations to us so as to accord with that two fold nature of an immortal body and soul with which he created us: and that He is therefore well pleased that we should gratify our own holy tastes, and *openly* demonstrate our grateful love to Himself by the outward beauty of our Holy Temples, and joyous harmony and reverent magnificence of our worship.

Those therefore who fight against the reasonable exercise of such holy desires, may rely upon it that they are simply "running their heads against a stone wall," as the history of the vast majority of all earnest religionism, whether Pagan, Jewish, or Christian, sufficiently proves;—but, what is yet more important, let such persons also beware that they are not found "fighting against God;" His will, His honour, and his glory.

When, however, ritualistic displays, whether amongst Orangemen, Freemasons, Temperance Lodges, "Church Associations," or so called "Ritualists," are used to propagate unscriptural principles, as I fear they are sometimes more or less, by them all, then indeed they should be fearlessly opposed.

4thly. *Orangemen*, the *Church Association* and such like, are again singularly at fault in their blind opposition

to what they esteem as High Church earnestness; even though it may occasionally degenerate into undesirable ritualistic extravagances; inasmuch as they should remember that for *one* whom Ultra-ritualism has deluded into Papal errors; the principles which *they* and low Churchmen generally, hold of individual spiritual independence and of what is, practically, personal infallibility,—resulting, as they do, in the absence of all certainty as to what is Faith, and in the most chilling baldness of Worship,—have sent their *thousands* into dissent, or driven them to the lowest phases of absolute unbelief. Moreover our low Church friends should not forget, that it was simply the unbridled carrying out of the very principles which they themselves hold, that, in the days of Oliver Cromwell did all that man could do, to stamp out the Church of Christ and His Apostles, treating both the Holy Places and the Sacraments of the Redeemer Himself with blasphemous contempt.

Believe me, Sir, the history of Puritanic Self-Righteousness and Intolerance and of its having logically opened the way to errors even more deadly than its own is too deeply written in the hearts of men, through the miseries and degrading heresies it has caused from the days of the Fifth Monarchy Men, down to the Plymouth Brethrenism, the Mormonism, the Spiritualism, and the filthy Free Love of our own times, for all the mistaken Orange Lodges or Church Associations in the world to receive it. And yet, alas, their unwise proceedings are however unwittingly to themselves, filling the sails of the Papacy, and