

they estimate the blessed truth that the living members of Christ are not the owners, but the stewards of the worldly means which God for a short time has lent to them. It is in this sense that God's people understand the record of the primitive Christians, whilst yet the love of Christ was warm in their hearts:—"And all that believed were together, and had all things common, and sold their possessions and parted them to all men, as ever man had need."

Reformation zeal always provokes controversy, and disturbs charity until brethren thus disunited arrive at a mutual understanding of the grounds of controversy.

The great revival in our Church for the last forty years stirred up in its progress great searchings of heart, and also the recovery of Church teachings long neglected and forgotten,—(to the furtherance of sectarianism.) A better understanding of the merits of the case is now being arrived at. A large number of the Evangelical party, becoming ashamed of the persecuting spirit, have abandoned the Church Association and formed a new Protestant Society for themselves, of a less persecuting character.

BOAST not of your health and strength too much; but whilst you enjoy them praise God, and use them well, lest He deprive you of them.

### JARRING NOTES.

"I BESECH Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord."—Philippians iv. 2.

Why these Christian women disagreed we are not told. Some very trifling reason, we may be sure. Yet how earnest the Apostle is in begging for reconciliation! To him it was no little matter to have Christ's work thus hindered.

These ladies little thought that through all generations of the Church's future history the fact of their quarrelling would be handed down. And if the redeemed in glory could feel ashamed, it would surely bring a blush to their face to think that this is the only record of their lives.

Yet how much of the same spirit lives among us now! It would really seem as if pleasing self were the only motive some people had in undertaking work in the Church: for the moment anything arises they do not like, they resign, giving as an excuse, "I can't get on with such a person." I wonder how it will be in Heaven with them. Death does not change our feelings, either to God or His people. Conversion is life work.

What we want is to get such a sight of ourselves as will truly humble us; and then it will be wonderfully easy to bear with those who are just as far from perfection as ourselves. [Margaret Black.]

LET us carefully observe those good qualities wherein our enemies excel us, and endeavour to excel them by avoiding what is faulty, and imitating what is excellent in them.