

passing words upon a subject of a far different character, and one coupled with thoughts of pain and humiliation. What, then, have we lived to see, as a chill cast upon our exultation in contemplating the glories of our own Zion, as a check upon our tongues when we would say one to another, "Walk about Zion and go round about her: tell the towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks: consider her palaces, that ye may tell it to the generation following?" Have we not lived to see within the bosom of the Church at home and among those who draw from that bosom the whole sustenance of their worldly position as well as of their ministerial office, men who are using their gifts and attainments to undermine her dogmatical system, for the support of which they stand most solemnly pledged, and to subvert the very foundations of the Faith itself? In the superabundance of our complaisance and under the plausible colour of a toleration and charity which are but the spurious imitation of those holy emanations of the Gospel, we are too often found ready, in these days, to stretch what is called the comprehensiveness of the Church of England so as absolutely to nullify all the guards which she has faithfully placed upon the soundness of ministerial teaching, and to reduce to a mere mockery the carefully prepared securities which she exacts for fidelity of adherence to her standards, on the part of those whom she engages in her service:— A dangerous easiness, not only as it regards the maintenance of that truth which we have received from heaven and embodied in our national formularies, but as it tends manifestly to impair the general sense