

not by their loyalty to the parties they represented, but by their zeal for the Church at large, and he ever strove to shield his diocese from the deadly effects of party strife. It is one of the trials of men holding high positions either in Church or State that they are often approached by persons with sinister designs, who seek to warp their judgments and prejudice their minds, and it was one of the striking excellencies of our venerable Bishop that he speedily penetrated such characters. The absent or the defamed needed no better advocate than the Metropolitan's own sense of right.

Bishop Fulford had no sympathy with that narrow spirit that is governed by the contracted bounds of geographical loyalty to Christ. He stood with St. Paul in a large hearted missionary zeal, and comprehended in his brotherhood the Catholic Church. He appreciated men, not because their bodies were born on one or the other side of the boundary lines of an earthly kingdom, but because their souls were born of water and the Holy Spirit, and with zeal and fidelity were doing the work of the Lord in the Kingdom of the Lord. Your own minds will readily recur in this connection to the warm interest and earnest efforts he made to promote the assembling, and further the objects contemplated by the great council which met at Lambeth. I will relate an incident of a different kind which illustrates, I think, the same fact. By the late war eleven dioceses of the United States for a while believed, and acted on the belief, that the Federal Union was broken, and therefore organized themselves under a senior Bishop of their own. When the war terminated no small anxiety was felt as to the mode in which the rupture should be healed, and harmony restored. Bishop Fulford was invited by one of the American Bishops to preach in his place at the opening of the General Council of 1865. He did preach that sermon. It is not too much to say that no sermon was ever preached on this continent before a more august Council of the Church, or on an occasion surrounded with interest of a more