

L. That very few, if any, of the English Church clergy secede to Methodism, and that the leakage of the laity is being effectually stopped.—13.

LI. That perhaps the secret of so many attacks being made on the Church is the fact that she is marching forward with unexampled success, leaving many competitors behind.—14.

LII. That as a rule they are men of "ability" and "culture" who leave Methodism for the Church.—14.

LIII. That Methodism is indebted to the English church for most of the "theology" for its "candidates," as laid down in the course of study.—14.

LIV. That on the testimony of outsiders the theological literature of a country like Scotland stands indebted to the English Church for its best acquisitions; that in the battles for the maintenance of the Faith her sons and scholars lead the way.—14.

LV. That the English Church is *not* Protestant in the common acceptation of that word, but Catholic.—14.

LVI. That the Sacramental system is an essential part of the English Church, and that it rests on the authority of God's Word.—14.

LVII. That Methodism does *not* "teach all the doctrines of the Bible;" that it has *mutilated* the creed of christendom and ignored many passages of Scripture; and that it imposes the *class-meeting* test of which the Bible knows nothing.—14.

But to draw to a conclusion. I have completed the task undertaken some time ago. Line after line, and paragraph after paragraph of your tract have been dealt with, and I trust my answers have been kindly though courageously stated. If I have not written convincingly enough to induce you, my dear sir, to return to the bosom of your rightful Spiritual Mother, I trust enough has been produced to convince you that a churchman has very much more to say than you ever dreamed of—assuming your tract to represent your knowledge of our side of the case.

My great object however in writing these letters, besides defending the church to which I owe so much, has been to strengthen those of my brethren who need it, to stimulate the desire to investigate their own position, that it is one which no mere stroke of the pen can overthrow, because based on *Catholic* and *Apostolic* ground, and confirmed by the voice of God as revealed in His Word. If this humble effort should thus prove useful I shall not have altogether written in vain.

I must, in closing, state in answer to my Methodist friends who think these letters should not have appeared, that they have been called forth by an unjust attack made by one of themselves upon the Church of England; that if the attack had not been made, this defence should not have appeared. And if in the course of the defence, Methodism has been somewhat unmasked, I am not to blame.

One word more. I cannot, Mr. Editor, conclude these letters without publicly acknowledging your great kindness, a kindness all the greater because I believe you have not always agreed with me, in permitting me to speak to a wide circle of readers, and to place before many of them, perhaps for the first time, the *church argument* to a limited extent, and the relation that John Wesley intended Methodism should have to the Church of England.

That this humble effort may be to the advancement of God's glory, and the good of His church, is the earnest prayer of

Yours, very gratefully,

CHURCHMAN.