

lovers of peace, of order, and of truth,—a union, if at all rightly conceived and contemplated, very widely different from the sickly, deceptive and dangerous notion of unity, which makes it consist in a mere good understanding to which the Church, in her primitive form, on the one side, and the endless and still multiplying forms of schism on the other, are all to be parties in common, without any common government or organization. It must be our desire to commend our own system in the eyes of others, and to conciliate their good-will; and, without any officious interference or arrogant assumption, we must be thankful when we can win over to coalesce with us, (as we have done in multiplied instances within this Diocese,)* those who have differed from our views, or who in point of religious profession, are found loose and unattached. And in the event, if it should so please God, of our having the prospect of any extensive comprehension of different bodies in one,—a consummation upon which I have often fondly dwelt,—we should be prepared, I apprehend, to make such concessions as would not compromise our principles. But I venture to

* It is often found half amusing, half provoking by residents in the colonies, to observe the extreme ignorance which prevails in the minds of some journalists and others in England, upon matters colonial which they undertake to handle, and, not unfrequently, the pointed contrast which subsists between the impression which they give out and the facts of the case. An excellent specimen of this kind may be seen in the subjoined extract (which is also no bad specimen of a sort of fashionable but exceedingly vicious style) from the publication of a learned professor who denounces the provision for the wants of members of the Church of England in the Colonial dependencies of the empire as "overlaying the Religion of the Colonies with a feeble Anglicanism; the creation of historical incidents in this country [England] and incapable of permanently forming the spiritual life of a new nation."