

admitted any of his teaching followers even into our houses, (see 2d Epistle of John, verse 10th,) much less into our pulpits, until, if, after the most solemn examination, we were obliged to condemn the act of our Sister Church in Great Britain as being contrary to the mind and will of our Great Head and Lawgiver. Let us for this, and these, and all our other manifold provocations, private, domestic and public, "humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God and he will exalt us in due time." Fear not, dear friends, *all ye who are true of heart*, and willing to live or die in joy or sorrow for and by Christ and his Church, for that is all one as Christ and his Cause; "for your work" and your witness "shall be rewarded." Let our eyes be up unto him who hath said, and oh! may he speak it again, and again, and again, and apply it by his own spirit to the heart and mind of his faithful servants as the matter shall require. "I will work and WHO shall let it." "I will speak and will not keep silence." And O then shall all discern—yes, both saint and sinner, "the voice of the Lord, which is full majesty," from all vain and counterfeit pretensions. Not wrestle with God in prayer! If we do not, if we know not what it is to do so and effectually; what claim have we to be the seed of Jacob, whose distinguishing character it was, as also his most honorable encomium: "As a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed." What was our Blessed Teacher's meaning when he spoke a parable expressly to this end, "that men ought always to pray and not to faint?" The expression itself, implies a degree of earnestness and importunity that if for some time apparently fruitless, might lead the suppliant to grow weary and to give over his suit; and the parable itself is to shew that reiterated entreaties for the same thing, agreeable to his will, shall prevail. And if we look to our great exemplar, who in all things imitable came to set us an example, that we should tread in his steps. "He poured out his prayer with strong crying and tears, and was heard in that he feared." This is what we mean by the phraseology, "wrestling in prayer;" and this is our authority, and we doubt not it shall yet and again be found, "mighty through God to the pulling down of the strongholds, casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God."

It is another false accusation which I have myself heard them utter in public addresses, that the churches teach, "we may worship God any how it don't matter." On the contrary, the Protestant Church teaches that "great fear in meeting of the saints is due unto the Lord," and the guides of the flock