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You will bear with me if I call your attention to an evil, which I think I discern as threatening to creep in among us, if not at once checked. I mean a feeling of distrust between the clerical and lay members of our church, who ought to be one in heart, and strive together to advance the glory of our common Lord. There seems to be a growing tendency in the two orders to range themselves on opposite sides, as if their interests were separate, instead of being one and the same—a tendency on the part of the laity to make certain requirements of the clergy, to which they cannot honestly submit; and on the part of the clergy, a little want perhaps of that consideration towards their lay brethren, which I feel sure they would be ready to appreciate. There is, though I trust in a very modified form, a supposed difference of interest allowed to prevail between the two orders, and also a certain recognized divergence of opinion regarded as almost necessarily existing between them, whereas the interests of the two are identical, and a oneness of heart and mind should bind them to one another. I cannot but fear that this tendency, if allowed to gain ground, would have a fatal effect upon the health and growth of the church generally, paralyzing its best efforts, and rendering it miserably weak, when it might be strong: it would also greatly mar the harmony and usefulness of our present meeting. I feel sure that I have only to throw out this hint, and there are those present in this assembly, of both orders, who so love their Church and so earnestly desire to see her prospering, that they will readily sacrifice any momentary desire to achieve a party triumph, so that they may heartily unite in furthering her welfare. Let there be then a more complete confidence between clergy and laity. Our interests, our hopes, our main object, are essentially one. Let us take brotherly counsel together. Let each endeavour to strengthen the other's hands. Let a spirit of Christian forbearance animate us,