

Extract from Chillingworth's *Preface, to the Author of Charity maintained*, prefixed to his *Religion of Protestants a safe way to Salvation*: Referred to in p. 31, of the foregoing Charge.

“ For what, if our devotion towards GOD, out of a desire that He should be worshipped as *in Spirit and in Truth* in the first place, so also *in the Beauty of Holiness*? What if out of fear that too much simplicity and nakedness in the public service of GOD may beget in the ordinary sort of men a dull and stupid irreverence; and out of hope that the outward state and glory of it, being well-disposed, and wisely moderated, may ingender, quicken, increase, and nourish, the inward reverence, respect, and devotion, which is due unto GOD's sovereign majesty and power? what if out of a persuasion and desire that Papists may be won over to us the sooner, by the removing of this scandal out of their way; and out of an holy jealousy, that the weaker sort of Protestants might be the easier seduced to them by the magnificence and pomp of their Church-Service, in case it were not removed? I say, What if out of these considerations, the Governors of our Church more of late than formerly have set themselves to adorn and beautify the places *where God's honor dwells* and to make them as heaven-like as they can with earthly ornaments? Is this a sign that they are warping towards Popery? Is this devotion in the Church of England an argument that she is coming over to the Church of Rome? Sir Edwin Sandys, I presume, every man will grant, had no inclination that way [to go over to the Church of Rome] yet he, forty years since, highly commended this part of devotion in Papists and makes no scruple of proposing it to the imitation of Protestants; little thinking that they who would follow his counsel and endeavour to take away this disparagement of Protestants, and this glorying of Papists, should have been censured for it, as making way and inclining to Popery. His words to this purpose are excellent words; and because they shew plainly that what is now practised was approved by zealous Protestants so long ago, I will here set them down:—

“ This one thing I cannot but highly commend in that sort and order. They spare nothing which either cost can perform in enriching, or skill in adorning, the Temple of GOD; or to set out His service with the greatest pomp and magnificence that can be devised. And although, for the most part, much baseness and child-