

the blind, poor, unknown young man sat in the House of Commons as a member for Brighton. Fifteen years of distinguished service as a Liberal member, wherein he displayed remarkable ability as a debater, caused Mr. Gladstone to appoint him Postmaster-General. Immediately he broke away from the traditions of officialism, by making it apparent that the nation did not exist to maintain the Postmaster-General, but that his office was created, and that he was put in it to serve the nation.

Prime ministers had regarded the post-office as a source of revenue. Mr. Fawcett insisted that this large arm of the government should do better work than increase the revenue; it should diffuse knowledge, expand trade, increase prosperity, encourage family correspondence, and facilitate thrift.

During the four years and a half that the blind man ran the great engine, he made it deliver parcels, receive the savings of the poor, insure their lives and pay them annuities. He lowered the charges on telegrams—the telegraph being a government monopoly in Great Britain—and greatly increased the use of postal orders.

He died in office, and the "common people," imitating the Queen and Mr. Gladstone, sent to Mrs. Fawcett written expressions of their great loss.

"Then only live we, when we live to God."

### The Word "Protestant."

"At any rate let us never be ashamed of that word which is so often urged against us, as a very watchword of disunion. Never let us shrink from speaking of our church as Protestant—Catholic it is in its faith and principles, Protestant in its attitude to false teachings and doctrinal error. Are we to be told that it is merely a 'negative' word? Is this to be a reproach to us? Is not one of the holiest titles of the Universal Church a negative title? Is not the whole Church of Christ a 'Militant' Church. Militant against sin, the world, and the devil, even as our own branch of the church is Protestant—Protestant against perversion and corruption? God forbid that we should ever be tempted to disown the attitude which jealousy for the honor of our dear Lord compelled us to assume! God forbid that our church should ever merge her honorable and distinctive title in the dangerous and disloyal acquiescences of doctrinal compromise.

BISHOP ELLICOTT.

### Knowing God.

Knowledge is power. The difference between the successful and unsuccessful, the prosperous and the impoverished man, is often simply a difference in knowledge. The knowledge of science enables one to command the resources of nature. Men have lived in poverty while possessing lands in which were mines of untold wealth. The lack of knowledge