

feel that to have been born and brought up among decent people who condemn what is dishonourable, false, and malignant, though certainly not a matter for boasting, is, nevertheless, a reason for devout thankfulness.

III. The statements of my assailant with reference to my examination for orders are simply astounding for the utter wickedness of their falsehood, wherever he may have learned them. The insinuation he throws out of my having by some unknown and dishonourable means gained a knowledge of the chapters of the Greek Testament in which we were to be examined, is baseless. One of those who was "in" for Priest's orders, and who had been ordained Deacon the previous year, said casually, "the Chaplain often examines in such and such chapters, I would advise you to read them over in case they should fall to your lot." In consequence of this, I said to my friend, who like myself was a candidate for Deacon's orders, "you are better up in your Greek than I am, let us read them over together." It is impossible not to pity a man of a spirit so evil as to torture such a thing to so malignant a purpose. The whole thing had passed from my memory until I applied to the friend in question "the man now living" who recalled to me the fact which I now state. I certainly never have made the faintest pretence to that critical knowledge of Greek which this person who cannot write English, parades with a self conceit which tends to make people doubt its depth and which even if real, is a sorry substitute for the manners of a gentleman and the feelings of a Christian.

The examining Chaplain of that day,

the Rev. H. J. Grasett, has never permitted me to number myself among his friends, but he is a gentleman, and as such perfectly incapable of allowing any difference theological or otherwise, to colour any statement of fact. I am confident, therefore, that were he referred to, he would at once bear testimony to this fact, that at my ordinations, both as Deacon and as Priest, I was appointed on the one occasion to read the Gospel, and on the other the Epistle; a token which, at all events in those days, was recognized as indicating that the person so selected and (taking all subjects together) passed the most satisfactory examination. I am further forced to say that he who was ordained Deacon with me, an old and valued friend, had (for twice the length of time which was allowed to me to prepare for the examination) been a pupil of the Rev. Frederick Augustus O'Meara, LL.D., and that out of all who then presented themselves for Priest's orders, as well as Deacon's, including one who is now Bishop of St. Helena, others who wrote themselves graduates, and one an A.B. of Trinity College, Dublin, who was "plucked," I received the highest commendation that was given, for the essay which was required from all. My impression is, that the essay of my friend above mentioned, was owing to his illness, written at a subsequent time, and therefore would form an exception to this statement. However, that may be, it did not affect the result referred to.

I meet his assertion of my Presbyterianism with a definite and distinct denial; and I assert that the writer is as ignorant of my faith as he is of my