

opposed, to seize, without one thought of its fairness, the readiest engine for their purpose, against their adversary, or possibly, "as a madman casteth fire-brands, arrows, and death, and saith, Am I not in sport?" to indulge in mere wanton amusement,—fly at once to the press, the seeds of the mischief being thus blown throughout the Province and beyond it, and bring disparagement upon the faithful servants of the Most High, weakening their hands in his work and wounding their hearts.

The cause of the Church of England in this Diocese, has received a check. Rome and others who may have ill-will to her, have had a triumph. The disturbance has been uncalled for: for I repeat it—let one instance be proved in which any of my Clergy have outgone either the doctrinal teaching or the ritual directions of their Church. Let one instance be shewn in which they have even availed themselves of certain recent decisions in England under which decorations, and symbols and appurtenances of worship are pronounced to be *lawful*, of which, nevertheless, from the sensation which they might excite, the introduction would not be *expedient*. But it has pleased God to humble us; and we cannot hope that the brand having been thrown in and the fire set running through combustible matter, with gusts of no gentle kind, to fan it in its progress, we can speedily extinguish such a blaze. All that we can do is to hold fast to our duty in the sight of God, and "through evil report and good report," through rough or through smooth, to labour that we may approve ourselves to HIM, and be prepared to stand before the Son of Man—earnestly studying and striving at the same time, "if it be possible, as much as lieth in us, to live peaceably with all men." To HIM we must confide the issue; and HE who can "bring