

so absorbed in study as to neglect the ministry. There is a further danger attending earnest study, the danger of forgetting that religion is not a matter of the intellect; that spiritual things are not intellectually but spiritually discerned; that it is our spirit not our intellect which holds communion with God. But these dangers must not keep us back from study and the cultivation of our minds. We live in very awful times, when, in the words of the greatest living prelate, we seem to see "the first stealing over the sky of the lurid lights which shall be shed profusely around the great antichrist." The sudden and startling development of the existence of an infidel faction within the bosom of our own church is surely such a sign. The battle cry of these miserable men is, the supremacy of reason over faith, and, human intellect the measure of all truth. On their own ground we must meet them; and, while we deny their position, be nevertheless prepared to show the entire accordance between faith and reason, and that Divine truth though above, is in no instance contradictory to, the laws of the human mind. If, relying upon the divinity of our holy religion, and the certainty of God's promises to the Church—that the gates of hell shall not prevail against her—we sit calmly down to wait the issue, instead of boldly and manfully joining battle with our foes, as if all depended on ourselves, what will the result be? The result will be that we shall be left behind in the awful onward march of the intellect and progress of the age; and the ark of God, which is upon our shoulders, will, for a time, be left behind with us. The truth has often been assailed, and has, it is true, always come forth victorious from the contest. But how? By reason of the earnest efforts, the successful efforts, of the living members of the Church, vindicating her position by their writings, their labours, and their blood. One, alas! not now of us, said, and said truly, "Our Church could do anything, humanly speaking, if it knew its own strength, *and if its members were at peace with each other!*" This inestimable advantage, we, in this Diocese, thank God, possess; we are, as nearly, I believe, as we can expect to see it on earth, "a city at unity with itself." If, with this vast advantage, we, the clergy, show ourselves worthy of our position—by our zeal, our love for the souls of men, our devotion to our ministry, our spiritual-mindedness, our learning, our thoughtful-