

duro much positive persecution, and many sorely perplexing trials; but let us not forget thankfully to acknowledge her triumphs, and they are not few;—perhaps this term is not too strong a one to use with respect to her progress, during the period alluded to, in Buffalo. When in 1829 Dr. Shelton arrived there, there were in that city 7000 people; a small, but neat church, with a congregation of perhaps 200; 35 families and 35 communicants. Now, the original church of St. Pauls is replaced by a magnificent edifice, unequalled, we believe, by anything west of New York; and for which any of our largest cities or towns at home might be exultingly thankful, as compared with most of our modern ecclesiastical edifices;—the families connected therewith are 150, and the communicants 250. There are *five* offsets; two of them being large and flourishing parishes, with large churches, one of them very handsome, the other (the Rev. C. Ingersoll's), already large and seemly, is, we understand, ere long to be replaced by a holy temple almost rivalling St. Paul's; the three young parishes are struggling into being under favorable auspices, and destined to be valuable and useful organizations, being in all now six distinct parishes!

Another blessed feature in the progress of the Church in Buffalo is its *UNITY*. Says a friend, "The peace of the city, so far as the church is concerned, has been preserved—sound church doctrine has always been taught—divisions have been avoided; so that there is not a city in the Union in which the Church is more thoroughly respected, more essentially flourishing, or in which there are fewer dissensions and divisions." To God be all the honour; yet, as He is pleased to use instruments, we see nothing improper in adding our conviction that this unity is to be greatly attributed to the sound principles and determined character of Dr. Shelton himself; this is evident from the fact that the congregations which first separated had, of course, been instructed by himself; and, in the United States, having the right of electing their own ministers, would naturally choose men of like principles with those which had already been faithfully instilled into them. But here we wish particularly to note, that hereditary unity, so to speak, cannot, with equal confidence, be looked for, where the precursor has been of Genevan, or, what are commonly called, low-

church views; and for this reason—that men of thoughtful minds and clear heads, find out that such principles are not in accordance with the genuine teaching of the Prayer-Book, and their feelings and principles alike revolt from an inconsistency scarcely to be reconciled with the high integrity of the Gospel; hence, they seek for the pastoral care of truer churchmen, and the city becomes divided. Another reason is, that earnest-minded men feel the need of sensuous aid in devotion;—that the body, purified by its union with Christ, shall become a help-mate to the soul in its strivings after holiness; therefore they cleave to those scriptural pastors who, treading in the steps of St. Paul and his Divine Master, teach them that the outward, bodily institutions of Ordinances, Sacraments and Priesthood are not barren forms, but, to the faithful, channels of grace and salvation. Hence it is that clergymen who do not plainly and truly adhere, in their principles and teaching, to the entire Prayer-Book, will look in vain for long-continued unity. As lovers of our Holy Catholic Church, wherever she is found, we desire to be humbly thankful that it has been otherwise in Buffalo.

And we may remark, by the way, that it is the awful importance of this primary influence that makes us so tremblingly desirous that our first bishop in this our new western diocese should be a man of thorough Prayer-Book, Anglican principles. Let our readers unweariedly unite with us in fervent prayer to the Great Head of the Church that He would graciously interfere on our behalf, and send us the man of His own appointment.

Such, then, have already been the holy results of sound church principles in Buffalo; may they go on yet more abundantly until, over the whole continent, "the little one shall become a thousand and the small one a great nation." As for our valued friend himself, he will need no other memorial upon earth, so long as the noble temple shall stand which he has been such a principal means of erecting to the honour of his Master, and as the ark of his people; and yet we trust a still richer triumph awaits him, in Christ Jesus, as the reward of those works of truth, grace and unity which have already gone before him, and, as we doubt not, shall continue to follow after him until the Books themselves shall be opened!