

pheme? No, I do not; I only know that they have affected touchy people. If the enemy should take advantage of them, it will be but one of the many trials every Christian has to submit to, who begins or carries on earnest work in the Church. "Men will praise thee when thou doest well to thyself"; but if thou art so regardless of thine own comfort, and indifferent to the enlightened ecclesiastical public opinion of the nineteenth century, as to seek, however feebly, to do good to others, thou shalt surely be made aware thereof, inasmuch as every one who followeth not thy good ensample, and every one who is jealous of the credit thou mayest attain thereby, shall sitte heavilie on thy headde. Seriously, if so-called Christian workers have not got the length of bearing the small cross of misrepresentation, they are a long way off the Divine standard. Why, people have been known even to misrepresent the Talker himself; yet is he cheerful, and willing, when occasion offers, to give them ever new golden opportunities of so doing. Manasseh Ben Israel says that, when Moses, by God's direction, was about to write these words, *Let us make man*, he cried out: "O, Lord of the World, why wilt Thou give men occasion to err about Thy most simple Unity?" To which he received this answer: "Write as I bid thee; and if any man love to err, let him err." The Bible is full of that sort of thing; what wonder then if human compositions also be full of statements which those, who love misconstruction, can misconstrue? The author of the Epistle to Titus, I was going to say Paul, but this the negative critics will not allow, speaks of people "whose mouths must be stopped." The class is a large one, and the advice, being apostolic, is no doubt good; but we are left in ignorance as to how Titus did the stopping. In the palmy days of the Inquisition, a brazen ball tied into the sufferer's mouth, when he was bound to the stake, was found effectual. These days of repression are over, and we must be content to live slanders down by patient continuance in well-doing, as the moon perseveres in her mild radiance, long after the dogs have tired themselves and their neighbours out with their barking and howling. I am told that the Health-laws of the various provinces will not allow people, other than doctors and ministers, to expose themselves to the risk of contagion. To this I answer that where there's a will there's a way Health-laws or no Health-laws; and that, if private individuals, as Christian Endeavorers, are not to be permitted to help in cases of special hardship, it is high time the Church instituted a corps of Deaconesses for such work. By supporting such an officer, the Endeavour Societies could, at least, minister by proxy. To leave a sorrowing and much-burdened woman alone, with the occasional brief visits of minister and doctor, is a thing Christ would never have sanctioned; and His law is above the Health-laws of the World. The minister and the doctor can go in fersooth! Are their lives alone valueless? Have they no wives and families, no outside people to come in contact with? The Health-laws make a pack of cowards.