

assume to be identical) the genuine, holy, primitive and catholic religion of Jesus Christ? Is it not, must it not be, could it be any other than, a just conception of the relation of all mankind to God, with corresponding emotions, and suitable conduct? It is therefore, and it ought to be taught to those who are capable of so receiving it, (and may not such capacity be presumed in the ingenuous youth resorting to an university?) independent of external modes, which are variable with places and times, and comparatively indifferent in all. Now this instruction "in the spirit, and not in the letter," is precisely what is here attempted, and what it would delight me to see more completely accomplished. Every Student matriculated in this "*Alma Mater*" is instructed in those principles of Mathematical Science, which led the sound and sober mind of Newton, by what appeared to him clear demonstration, to the fundamental truths of Intellectual Theology. To every Student are presented the inductions of Physical Science, which impressed a Ray, a Cuvier and a Paley, and which now fill the "*Cosmos*" of a Humboldt, with profound conviction of the wisdom and goodness of the One and All-perfect Creator. Before every Student is opened the Sacred Volume recording, in the original Hebrew of the Old Testament and Greek of the New, those revelations of Divine providence, righteousness, and grace, which have been from age to age "the light of the Gentiles," and the glory of "the Israel of God." Would that but time and opportunity were afforded to follow up these primary and essential truths with the history of religion from the beginning; and with its application to the moral, civil, and ecclesiastical duties of men! For these—all these great subjects might be studied before one of the smaller questions need arise, which have divided Church from Church, arrayed Council against Council, and alienated Christian from Christian; not however, after the decrees of the Fathers—"pax tantorum virorum dixerim"—of Trent, or of Dort, or of such as might now compose a Synod at Exeter; or even according to the Creed which an "Evangelical Alliance," in the transparent palace and temple of light at London, might