

other of Christians, the Church of England honours and puts prominently forward the Bible; her services all rest upon the Scriptures, and a large portion of God's word must always be read whenever Divine Service is performed; and thus, when in the last century a deadness in religion prevailed throughout Great Britain, it was in the Church of England and in her universities that the minds of men were awakened to the realities of God's service; there was a time of deadness, but it was said destroy her not, for a blessing is in her. And again, when about 1832, a systematic attack was made by her enemies, and a leading statesman, who still lives, insinuated in the House of Commons that the downfall of the Church of England was at hand, and warned the Bishops to "put their house in order," then "did God make bare His arm," and raised up so many defenders, so poured out of His Spirit upon the Clergy, that the enemies of the Church were confounded, and their wicked devices brought to naught.

Our work is mighty, but is not the Grace of God which is promised us almighty? Yet when our message is disregarded and our Master's neglected; when iniquity abounds; or when Satan, clothed as an angel of light, allures into error at times the most promising of our flock; when the young over whom we have watched and prayed wander into the seductive ways of wordly lusts and pleasures, and we have gone to our God weighed down with anxiety and distress, then hath not, my brethren, the Spirit of the Lord whispered, "Fear not, for I am with thee;" our very disappointments have caused us to realise more that the work is God's, and waiting upon Him, strength has been renewed, and returning to the work strong in the Lord and in the power of His might, with increased energy endeavoured to act out the words of my text, "*This one thing I do.*"

For what a motive is ours for exertion! The love of gold, of earthly power, possession or dominion suffices to induce thousands to endure every hardship and privation, and yet