

## ART OF BEING AGREEABLE.

The true art of being agreeable, is to appear well pleased with all the company, and rather to seem well entertained with them, than to bring entertainment to them. A man thus disposed, perhaps, may not have much learning, nor any wit, if he has any wit, but if he has common sense, and something friendly in his behavior, it conciliates men's minds more than the brightest parts without this disposition; and when a man of such a turn comes to old age, he is almost sure to be treated with respect. It is true, indeed, that we should not dissemble when in company; but a man may be very agreeable, strictly consistent with truth and sincerity, by a prudent silence where he cannot concur, and a pleasing assent where he can. Now and then you meet with a person so exactly formed to please that he will gain upon every one that hears or beholds him.

The above, though only a brief paragraph, enters largely into the explanation of the reason why many stern reformers are so generally *not* agreeable. The student who seeks reformation and the student whose aim is to be agreeable to his fellows and among his fellows in society, proceed upon very different principles. However, it is always a desideratum to have a little sweet oil on the rough axletree of things, "if it be possible," as Paul says on another subject.

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PROTESTANTISM AND PAPALISM IN FRANCE.—A writer in Paris, speaking of Victoria's late visit to France, adds—

Other events which are now taking place in Paris are not less suggestive than has been the magnificent reception of Queen Victoria by an Emperor Napoleon. Just three hundred years ago on the 21st, 25th, and 26th of August, the Protestants of France were all but exterminated at the never-to-be-forgotten Bartholomew massacre; and on those very days in the year 1855, the descendants of those persecuted Christians have held a Protestant Evangelical Conference in the same capital which beheld the bloody deeds of that horrible period of French history,—under Imperial Protection. How wonderful are the ways of Providence, and how omnipotent is truth! At the same time it must be confessed that the dark and blighting influence of Popery is still felt every where in France. It persecutes the disciples of Christ on the one hand and makes infidels on the other. The Protestant Conference now sitting it is hoped will prove of no little service in weakening the influence of Romanism both in France and on the Continent generally, and at the same time