

suspicion and disfavour, but when they came to recognize his sterling worth, and knew that while the courage of his convictions compelled him to magnify his office, and with no bated breath to vindicate the claims of the English Church, all his outspoken exaltation of her was tempered with the broad sympathy and courtesy which ought to distinguish the gentleman and priest, they generously replaced their antipathy by friendship, and when he left, they in common with his parishioners deplored their loss.

This estimate of the man and his work was strikingly endorsed and reproduced years after, when a Nonconformist journal in Halifax made this comment on his death :—

“ He is now gone, and his place will not easily be filled
“ in the Diocese or among the congregation of St. Luke’s,
“ for whose welfare he laboured unweariedly for about
“ twenty-five years.

“ In all their sicknesses and troubles he was an earnest
“ and feeling comforter, and a counsellor at once wise and
“ hearty.

“ He saw in the Church the means for all needed
“ reforms, and although he never connected himself with
“ our organizations, it was not from any small or unworthy
“ feeling of jealousy, as to their interference with the
“ Church, but from a conviction that when the disciplinary
“ rules of the Church were properly regarded they would
“ be found sufficient for the guidance of mankind in every
“ circumstance of life, and for the observance and applica-
“ tion of these in a spirit of humble dependence on the
“ Divine Being, he laboured unweariedly among his flock.

“ It can be said of him, ‘ He was a faithful man, and
“ feared God above many.’ ”