

the history of the Church view them with least surprize. However, as this appears to some the great trial of our faith at the present day, and particularly to young and generous spirits, who cannot avoid being impressed and influenced by character and example, I have felt it of importance to remind you of the antagonistic force of guides and examples on either side. Let it not, however, be supposed that there are none, or no great, examples, of learning and piety, of chastened life and extensive Theological attainments, who have remained, and remain, firm and unshaken; not merely for duty and affection to their dear mother to whom they owe in Christ their spiritual birth, but for the Truth's sake which dwelleth with her, and shall be in her, we trust, for ever. I forbear modern names; but, while we have the lives and writings of Bull, and Barrow, and Hammond, and Ken, and Wilson, and a host of learned and holy men, who sifted the whole question, and were sifted by it, now with persecutions, now with bribes, we need not be disturbed by the authorities of these degenerate days, to whichever side they would invite us.

But to the Church of England herself,—to her articles and homilies, her creeds and catechisms, her rules and examples of holy life,—I willingly and entirely refer you and myself, and the souls committed to our charge: by these let us teach and be taught, in these let us live, and with and for these, if need be, we may joyfully labour, and suffer and die. “Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel; according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What hath God wrought!” (Num. 23, 23.)