

He died as he had lived, in union with Christ and in communion with all who belong to Christ: conscientiously and faithfully attached to his own section of the church, but unflinchingly and fraternally regardful of every other section of the church which the Lord hath purchased with his own blood.

I could not then, under the circumstances, I could not forego the distinct and public recognition of the Bishop's death. A sense of propriety wrought upon me to pay this tribute to his memory. Recreant to the claims of evangelical charity should I have been had I held my peace. Necessity is laid upon me to say, on my own part, and on the part of my earlier congregation here and on the part of my brother nonconformists generally, that we glorified God in him.

It is delightful to observe that the fierce animosity which subsisted a few years ago between the Established and the Dissenting Churches has almost entirely subsided; but we confess it saddens us to find that not only has the advocacy of Voluntarism been discontinued, but that such a thing as the calmest doctrinal statement of the independence of the Church on the State is scarcely to be heard. The subject is *tabooed*. But the late Voluntary discussion has obviously produced excellent and abundant fruit. The spirit of churchmen now is mild and conciliatory; and there seems half a disposition to admit that, in point of principle, the Voluntaries are right, and that establishments are to be maintained, as a matter of expediency, only for a season.

**A BRIEF PLEA FOR PRESBYTERY, AND FOR THE UNION OF PRESBYTERIANS IN ENGLAND.** By the Rev. DAVID KING, LL.D. 8vo., pp. 20. London: James Nisbet & Co. 1861.

The history of this small publication is given in a Prefatory Note. The Tri-centenary of the Scottish Reformation was celebrated, on the 20th December last, by a public meeting in Freemasons' Hall, London. The subject of Presbytery was assigned to the author. The substance of his observations was published in a periodical at the time, and having been requested to extend them a little, he has favored us with this able and excellent pamphlet. Many of our readers must be aware that a number of years ago Dr. King published a valuable, indeed a standard work on Presbyterianism; and those acquainted with it will have an idea of the views exhibited in this. The ground taken is the reverse of extreme. It is low and moderate, and consequently a position not easily assailable is obtained. Indeed we have heard that some leading Congregationalists in England are saying they could have no great objection to such Presbyterianism as is here contended for. Within the period of our own recollection, Independence and Presbyterianism have mutually made a considerable approximation; and we have always indulged the hope that concessions might be made by both which would bring them into union, without sacrificing aught that is essential to either scheme. We have space for only a small portion of what Dr. K. advances for shewing the affinity of