

each other at home. I will not call them *dark* lanterns, but I will say that not a single one of them shines with a full, pure, divine lustre. The complete, round, undistorted Gospel is not heard in them. (See Part II.) Each recites the Apostles' Creed, but does business on a special creed of its own manufacture. My aim is, exposure with a view to the cure of such maladies.

The reader, therefore, will not suppose I expect applause. What I do expect is a pretty general denunciation. I do not anticipate the plaudits of any sect, or church, or party. On the contrary, the chances are that a thousand chronically discordant voices will, for once, sing in a unison of disapproval. To me ecclesiastical partyism is an abomination. I am a Prayer-Book Churchman, and, consequently, neither "High" nor "Low" nor "Broad" nor *Narrow*. To what Anglican quarter, then, can I look for commendation? And the prospect outside that pale is not more promising. I am not writing for applause.

All I ask of the reader is a calm perusal and a candid verdict. And this I shall have unless he is one of that very large section of humanity who do their thinking by deputy. In the words of Locke, dear reader, "It is to your thoughts, if they really are your own, that I refer myself. But, if they are taken upon trust from others, it is no great matter what they are. It is not