

of a Church of which you may well feel proud. She has a salient spring of life in her, which will ever enable her to throw off corruptions and renew her youth amid outward hostility and inward divisions and we may well say of her what I recollect reading somewhere in a secular paper, "We will venture to affirm" says the writer, "that of all Ecclesiastical systems that ever appeared on the earth, the Church of England of the present day is the best fitted to keep persons inclined to intellectual hesitation honestly in its fold. In this form of religion, more than in any other are found the elements that are best calculated to conciliate and satisfy the intellect—historical dignity, practical efficiency, a union of poetry and common sense, and an admirable absence of the spirit of interference." So far as your guild can promote the best interests of such a Church, "I wish it good luck in the Name of the Lord."

