

midst of severe temptation—who could do anything but lie.

The subject is very far from having received exhaustive treatment. There are still other features in the religious life of Scotland, which might well claim notice at our hands; but the time at our disposal will admit of only the briefest reference to them; and having hitherto looked almost entirely at the favourable side, we may properly take account of some of those features which are less flattering to our national pride.

I do not give a place among these to intolerance or narrowness, for, while this charge has been brought against Scottish piety, it has been so brought as it appears to me, without good ground. The Scottish Church has never, like that of England, called in question the validity of the orders obtaining in sister Churches, seldom closed its pulpits to their ministers; and