

offence in those questions, and did not take it ill to be rightly informed, though the information might shock their old convictions. This is an age of immense religious activity. The true faith is spreading and gaining ground in many places; it is also combatting with increasing success the indifferentism and infidelity which appear to gain the ascendancy amongst a certain class of would-be philosophers. Christianity has been on its trial since its founder was judged by the world and condemned; but Christianity, like its author, reigns from the cross. It conquers in great humiliations and public calamities. Our Lord has His elect everywhere and is continually bringing them together. "And other sheep I have that are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice, and there shall be one fold and one Shepherd."—(John x. 16). "That they all may be one as thou, Father in me, and I in Thee; that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that thou hast sent me" (John xvii. 21.) There are trials and tribulations in store for those who embrace and follow the truth, but St. Paul consoles them when he says, "For that which is at present momentary and light of our tribulations worketh for us above measure exceedingly an eternal weight of glory" (2 Ccr. iv. 17).

With an earnest prayer to our Divine Saviour for the Glory of His Kingdom, and "for peace on earth to men of good will:" Luke ii. 14.

We are, yours faithfully, in Christ,

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