

the promotion of the spiritual growth of the living members of the Church, which is its *Internal Work* : or the building up of its fabric, that is, the fabric of its material walls, or the fabric of its economy, by a provision for its Ministers, and by the maintenance of its services. This is its *External Work*. I say, this is the work which all Churchmen have to do ; though all are not appointed to do it in the same way. We have received a peculiar call and commission to execute some parts of this work in a way that belongs not to lay-people, yet this hinders not their being called to execute other offices, which they may perform more effectually than ourselves. And in most of the Duties that I am now about to notice, unless they work with us, the work will never be well done. We are not the Church : we cannot stand, nor work alone.

Our first duty then appears to me to be **UNITY** : our second, **SANCTITY** : our third, **PROGRESS**.

By Unity, I do not mean uniformity only, though without some uniformity, Unity cannot exist ; neither do I intend a skeleton outline of Apostolic succession, unaccompanied by the proportions of Apostolic doctrine and practice ; nor am I thinking of distinctive dresses, open seats, painted windows, or Gregorian chants. If the world suppose that this is what we mean by Unity, they utterly mistake, or artfully pervert our meaning. Nevertheless, in their place, these things do not deserve a sneer. A distinctive dress is a decent respect which we all pay to each other, and may most properly pay to the House of God : open seats gather together more of Christ's living members, without distinctions which belong to the world : painted windows invite sacred historical recollections, or become memorials of departed worth : and simple chants enable the greatest number of the faithful to sing together the praises of their Lord.

Still these things are not Unity, singly, nor all together ; for Unity existed without them ; and it will exist where they have no place.

Our Unity consists in the oneness of our Head : in the oneness of our faith : in the oneness of our Scriptures : in the fellowship of the Sacraments, in one Church, and in a general agreement of heart and judgment on the doctrines and duties of the Christian Religion.

Infinite diversities of mind and action there must be : even schools of Theology are admissible, if we understand them to mean not opposing systems, but habits of contemplating the same truth from opposite points of view : but where perfect Unity exists, they will be blended and softened as the colours form one ray of light, as innumerable rays are blended in one landscape.