

the validity of her action; and no living man can foretell the great work which, under God, she may thereby accomplish for Him and His cause in the earth. And I honestly believe, if all the facts of the case, and all the dangers of her longer connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, as at present constituted, could be laid before the minds of her people, and a fair representation of their sentiments be had, that nine-tenths of her laity and two-thirds of her clergy would be found uniting their voices in one glad shout: *Let us end this discord in the Church; let us separate from those with whom we cannot dwell in peace; let us stop this tampering with our convictions of truth and duty in the use of expressions which dangerously deceive human souls; let us throw down from the walls of our Zion these coverts and hiding-places for Romish errors, and Ritualistic sacrifices, and priestly confessions, and absolutions; and let us see our Church with her old bulwarks and her old towers, standing again in her rightful place, in the very center of Protestant Christendom.*

THE PROBABLE FUTURE OF THE NEW CHURCH.

A reformed Episcopal Church, thus inaugurated, would attract to itself, sooner or later, all the elements of Protestantism in the present Episcopal Church. It would command, at once, the confidence and sympathy of the great body of Evangelical Protestant Christians. It would gather into its fold multitudes, through the length and breadth of the land, who desire an Episcopal Church, with an orthodox faith, a scriptural liturgy, and a Christian spirit. It would take its place among other Protestant Churches, not as a rival sect, but as a Church of peace. It would set them a noble example of devotion to truth in matters essential, of liberty in matters non-essential, and of charity towards all the different households of the great Protestant family. It would be a living witness for their essential unity in the faith; and a standing protest against all narrowness and exclusivism in spirit. It would, so far as in it lay, sheathe the sword of controversy, and give itself to the great and glorious work of preaching Jesus and saving souls. And it would be a great step towards bringing together in closer sympathy the now divided hosts of Protestantism, and preparing them to present a united front in that dread struggle with Romanism and infidelity, which, if the language of prophecy