

forth as we are prepared to answer to God, who knows the heart, that we have good reason to believe that the proposed change in our life, and the willingness to embark on it, come only from Himself. With all those accessories of wealth and many worldly advantages, which the prosperity of the Church has wound around its higher dignities at home, how dangerous an opening for self-deceit ! Truly it is different when, as to-day, we are met to see one raised to the sacred office in a bishopric, which is indeed like our own bishoprics at home, in that it will have its full share of apostolic labours and difficulties, but unlike them will be left in all respects to apostolic simplicity in its outward worldly circumstances. It may well be taken for granted that a man engages in such an office in the spirit of self-sacrifice. The rending of home-ties ; a life-long dwelling amongst rough men, in such a state of society as is likely to spring up when a barbarous land has the offscourings of the civilized world suddenly poured into it ; the having to deal, in the attempt to spread the Gospel, neither with our own people, such as we have them at home (knowing from long experience their worst and best qualities), nor yet with some simple savage tribe, nor some ancient nation, the habits and feelings of which, however degraded, may at least be learned from what observation and history tell us of their institutions, and their