

held out to them such as induced the present Bishop of Chichester to ordain Dr. Octavius Winslow ; indeed, it is related of one bishop that he had a series of questions entitled "Cobwebs to catch Calvinists." But as to the duty of endeavouring to cultivate a friendly spirit the charge is very strong, and the following words are weighty, and ought to have a telling influence : " My brothers, there are important differences of doctrine which divide us from the orthodox Nonconforming Christians of England ; but they are small compared with our bonds of union in one faith, one Lord, one baptism, in the face of the gathering clouds of infidelity, secularism, atheism, ignorance, sin, and vice. What are questions of Church government, however important in themselves at their own place, at their own time, compared with the evidences of a holy life and the indwelling of the Spirit of God ? "

On the question of episcopacy, and whether it is of the *esse* or *bene esse* of the Church, the Archdeacon has much to say ; and we owe him a debt of gratitude for bringing prominently to the front the opinion of some of the standard divines of the English Church, such as Laud, Cosin, Andrewes, Hall, Bancroft, and others. His remarks have special value in respect of the questions which have been raised of late with reference to the Grindelwald Conference. On this and other matters of the charge we must not linger, but will simply add the closing sentences of the last paragraph with relation to our Church : " Shall not we, her sons and servants, by patience, by forbearance, by mutual understanding, by sternly checking our own whims and fancies, and enforcing only the principles of Christ, by the discriminating study of history, by common participation in all good works, by unwearying perseverance in putting ourselves into the place of others, by a more zealous and entire following of our Lord's example in all things, once more unite, at any rate in one spirit, even if not in one outward organization, all those in our country who hold to the one invisible body, the one Spirit, the one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in us all ? ' I beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long suffering, forbearing one another in love, endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.' "

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Short Notices.

Revelation by Character, illustrated from Old Testament Lives. By ROBERT TUCK, B.A. London : Elliot Stock.

THE titles given to the several chapters will best explain the character of this work. Thus we have "Righteous Abel," "Patient Noah," "Meek Moses," "Pious David," "Wily Joab," "Fretful Jonah," and many others, in all twenty-four. The book abounds with sensible remarks, of which we give the following : " There is, indeed, in the present day a great danger of exaggeration. The wit, the caricaturist, and the comedian are over-praised and over-sought in current literature and social life. But this fact need not press any man to take another extreme and exaggerated view and altogether deny the Divine ministry of humour."

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