

It is not with the intention of exciting discussion that we here give the substance of a report, we have been shown, of the Bishop of Chester's Address on the evils resulting from the divisions into which Christianity is split: but with a hope that words which were spoken in all earnestness, may give our readers food for much thought. The question of the reunion of Christendom is occupying the thoughts, and is the subject of the prayers, of earnest men throughout the world, and as it is also the great desire of our Saviour, we may well believe that it is not only a possibility, but that it behoves all Christians to put forth every effort in the direction of lessening the evils of division by aiming at real and practical Union. The Bishop took for his text, Ephesians iii. 10:—"To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the Church the manifold wisdom of God." Proceeding to deal with the present position of Christianity, he pointed to the Church as, according to the words of the text, destined to be a mirror to reflect to Angels and to men the manifold wisdom of God. The Christian Church in her true state, he said, was destined to be the mirror of God: but unfortunately the mirror has been broken into a hundred fragments. This was the work which was to be faced in our time—the mirror had been shattered into fragments, and surely the great aim of all Christians in the present day was now to assist in bringing