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"Απαντα ὀρθὰ ἐνώπιον τῶν συνιέντων, φησὶν ἡ γραφή τούτ' ἔστι τῶν ὄσοι ὅτι αὐτοῦ σαφηνοθεύσαν τῶν γραφῶν ἐξήγησιν κατὰ τὸν ἐκκλησιαστικὸν κανόνα ἐκδεχόμενοι διασώζουσι κανὼν δὲ ἐκκλησιαστικὸς ἡ συμφωνία καὶ ἡ συμφωνία νόμου τε καὶ προφητῶν τῆ κατὰ τὴν τοῦ Κυρίου παρουσίαν παραδιδόμενη διαθήκη. Clem. Alexand. Strom. 6. [p. 803.]

Οὐδὲν λαμβάνει ἡμᾶς, εἰς τελείας εἰς Ἰησοῦν Χριστὸν ἔχητε τὴν πίστιν, καὶ τὴν ἀγάπην, ἣτις ἐστὶν ἀρχὴ ζωῆς καὶ τέλος. Ἀρχὴ μὲν κίςτις, τέλος δὲ ἀγάπη. Τὰ δὲ δύο ἐν ἐνόητι γενόμενα, Θεοῦ ἐστίν. Τὰ δὲ ἅλλα πάντα εἰς καλοκαγαθίαν ἀκόλουθά ἐστι. Ignat. Epist. ad Ephesios. [c. 14. p. 15.]

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The author, as is well known, however deeply impressed with their importance, was averse to the publication of such subjects in English; but in excuse for the departure from this his recorded opinion, it must be urged that circumstances are altered in several respects, that the practice of conducting controversy in Latin (as is much to be regretted) has well-nigh ceased, and that the question here examined, of Christian Justification, has been brought much more into common discussion in English; so that to withhold these

works now, would be in effect to defeat the object of the Author in writing them, and to deprive those who are desirous of arriving at the truth, of one of the most important aids in examining it; for it can hardly be doubted by any who will give them a careful and patient perusal, that these laborious treatises are highly conducive to a right understanding of the subject.

TO THE
REVEREND FATHER IN CHRIST,

AND

MOST HONOURED LORD,

WILLIAM,

THROUGH THE GRACIOUS, AND TO ALL GOOD MEN, MOST GRATEFUL PROVIDENCE OF GOD,

BISHOP OF GLOUCESTER.

MOST HONOURED LORD,

THE present work sent to the press under your auspices, is now released from the press and returned to you; having already experienced your kindness, and thus assured of meeting with the same for the future, it confidently betakes itself to the protection and patronage of your illustrious name. Greatly did that saying of St. Ignatius please me^a, "Let nothing which concerns the Church be done without the Bishop," and therefore I determined to publish no theological work without your advice. Hence I took care to place before you the following Dissertations in manuscript, (written somewhat roughly, though to the best of my abilities,) abiding your decision whether they should be for ever suppressed or committed to the press. The several chapters of each Dissertation were perused by you, (and that too not without care,) your patience overcoming their tediousness; when read, you gave them your sanction, and what is more, with your accustomed kindness towards myself and all I do, adorned them with your praise.

Why therefore should I fear to place before you my work when printed, which when in manuscript gained your approbation?

But whatever the merits of the work thus dedicated to you, my Reverend Father, I wish thereby to manifest my grati-

^a Epist. ad Smyrn. p. 6. edit. Vossii. [c. 8. p. 36.]

tude towards you. All who know me must be aware of the favour you have shewn me. Through your aid especially my lot has fallen in this diocese, with sufficient provision; to you I am indebted for the leisure I have for these studies.

But why should I mention these things? Your many and illustrious virtues have gained the love and veneration even of those to whom you are not known either personally, or through any particular acts of kindness; your published works bear witness to your learning; your prudence and moderation, your modesty and gravity, joined to extraordinary kindness, and lastly the unspotted holiness of your life, are the admiration not only of your own diocese of Gloucester but well-nigh of the whole of England.

That Almighty God may preserve and increase these precious gifts and guard you in your Episcopate, and spare you to us for many years ere you return to Him, is the heart-felt prayer of,

Your Lordship's most devoted son,

G. B.