

tinctive name, we should be cut off not only from the fellowship but the pecuniary benefit of our brethren at home." Ask Presbyterians and the Independents to relinquish Infant "Baptism;" which, by their banishment and persecution unto death of those who opposed it, and by their inability to produce either command or example in the book of God, they have confessed to be a human institution, and one of the worst relics of popery; and they will tell you that were they to do so, one generation would not pass ere their places of worship would be closed, or occupied by those for whom they feel now the most sovereign contempt.

One of the distinguishing peculiarities of the Evangelical alliance—considered by its advocates a most wise provision—has always been considered by us as one of its most objectionable features. It is this: each denomination continues to retain its own established "names, phrases and forms"—no one is called upon to make a single *sacrifice* for this, in their estimation, the best of causes! No, not one sacrifice. And can that be a valuable institution which calls for no sacrifice? A good *human* institution it *may* be—*divine* it cannot be. Every divine institution, indeed every good one, has always required a sacrifice of some kind as its foundation. Every institution of Heaven has had a sacrifice standing out in bold relief at its very portals; but here is a human device, the production of the wisest Doctors of Divinity of the two most enlightened nations of the earth, proposing to form a new institution, which is to stop the spread of Romanism; and to silence the heterodox and the infidel, and to spread the true religion throughout the earth, its aiders and abettors meet together, lay its foundation, and raise the entire superstructure, without making a sacrifice of one of their opposing peculiarities. As well might we teach the flagrant transgressor that God would accept him as his servant and bestow on him the benefits of the new covenant, without counting all that he once loved loss and drags for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus the Lord. Every true teacher of pure Christianity will do his utmost to convince the sinner that he will never enjoy the sweets of "redeeming grace and dying love" until he sacrifices every thing opposed to God and the word of his grace.

No good cause can be effectually promoted without many sacrifices. The sects have not only sinned in keeping the sincere in opposition to each other: but they have greatly sinned by using the language of Babylon to express what they have termed the doctrines of grace; they have dishonored Jesus Christ by choosing the names of Calvin, Luther, Wesley, and others, by which to distinguish themselves; instead of the name given to the disciples of Christ first in Antioch. They have trampled on divine ordinances, and in their places substituted human inventions, and given them scriptural appellations. They have thus not only dishonoured the Messiah, but they have retarded the progress of the cause of truth, and made those who are sincerely desirous of serving the Lord enemies to each other. We say again they have greatly sinned. This they in part confess by seeking a union. And will they show proper contrition by saying, "We will make a child's bargain, 'you let me alone, and I will you!' In future we will combine our energies to oppose the 'man of sin;' but we will sacrifice nothing for the promotion of the cause of truth and righteousness!"