

one of the successors of the Apostles, to know what he should do." And in the next lecture he said that successor was a "*priest*." It is scarcely possible to crowd a greater number of blunders or mis-statements,—call them which you will,—within such a limited number of words. It may first be remarked, that none of the particulars of this narrative concerning Paul, have ever become known, except from the Scripture account in Acts, chapters ix. and xxii. The narrative is in the Archbishop's New Testament, the same as in our Protestant version. Now, let us look at these Scripture particulars, and compare them with the Archbishop's account, and thus ascertain his several erroneous statements. First, according to the Scripture, Paul was told by the Lord to go unto Damascus, "and there it shall be told thee what thou must do." He was not sent to Annanias, as stated by the Archbishop, nor was Annanias or any other person named to him. Instead of Paul being sent to Annanias, this "disciple" as he is called in the narrative, was sent by the Lord, to Paul, or rather Saul, which then was his name. Next, the Scripture calls Annanias merely "a certain disciple," not a word about his being a successor of the Apostles, or a priest, as stated by the Archbishop; or of his holding any office, or following any particular occupation. A *successor* of the Apostles he certainly was not, for they were all then alive. This conversion of Paul was only about four years after the ascension of our Lord; and James, the first of the Apostles who left this world, was not martyred until four years after Saul's conversion, being eight years subsequent to the ascension. The next errors of the Archbishop, Annanias was neither a priest nor an Apostle. A *priest* he could not have been, for there never has been, nor ever will be any *priest* under our Christian dispensation, but the one "great High Priest of our profession,"—the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. But even if it were conceded that the ministers of the Christian Church can properly be called *priests*, there is not a word to show that Annanias was one. He is merely called "a certain disciple," that is, a *scholar*, or professor of Christianity. Like Simon, "at the seaside," he may have been a *tanner*, or a tailor, a tent-maker, or a weaver. None have ever known any more about him than the Scripture