

please God according to the light that is in them, and even better than some who call themselves Churchpeople. It is not against such that I speak, as I have often told you. These only want more light, and more information, to bring them to their own place. But it is against the *principle* of sects that I can never speak too strongly. That spirit, that evil genius, which has come upon the Christian world, and especially among Protestants, which cuts, and splits, and wounds the Body of Christ, causing it to bleed from all its pores, is the principle against which the whole Bible makes war, and which no honest and enlightened Christian can approve. Nay, it is pleasing to know that even among other denominations at the present day there is a growing spirit of dissatisfaction with this very principle. For it is no less than Popery itself in another form. It encourages every man to take his own erring conscience instead of the written Word and the united voice of the Primitive Church for his guide. Thus men explain the Bible as they please, and 150 sects have sprung up in the world, and all think themselves right. So every man may have a creed of his own and thus become his own Pope. Such a doctrine is not to be found in the Bible, and I verily believe it is now used by the Great Enemy to annihilate Christianity if it were possible. But I am quite aware that for want of information, and training, and owing to many other circumstances, a very large allowance must be made for the case of many members of other denominations, and they should be made to understand that when we denounce sects it is rather in love for their souls than with a view to wound their feelings.

IS ANY ONE TO BE SAVED OUT OF THE CHURCH ?

I understaud that some of you are apt to draw the conclusion that when I denounce sectarianism and speak of the true Church I thereby look upon all outside the Church as eternally lost. I beg most distinctly to state that such an idea never crossed my mind. I believe God, for Christ's sake, will save millions of those who do not belong to the true *visible* Church, because they could not belong to it. Not because they are outsiders, but because they want the information and training which they ought to have. The real nature of the sin of schism is in wilful, stubborn, obstinate, and proud opposition to God's constituted institutions after we have been trained and well instructed in them ; and God forbid that I should consider all those whose lot