

tribunal to receive and deal with his offence ; which, after all, amounted to no more than an *irregularity*, occasioned by his putting upon one of the articles of the Society, a construction different from that sustained by the Committee ? Why did not Dr. W. Gray, when appealed to by Dr. B., in presence of the General Meeting, as above described, state, with the candour belonging to his station and character, not merely that objectionable books had been imported without the sanction of the Committee, but the *whole* truth—that these books had been dismissed from the shelves of the Depository, had not been taken into the Depository's accounts, and formed no part of the Depository's stock ? Had he done so, what would have become of Dr. Bayard's motion ? These questions admit of but one solution. People must and will entertain their own opinion upon the subject. But I hesitate not to declare mine,—that with whomsoever the plot originated, a plot existed. The condemnation and removal of the books was the pretence, not the object ; for they had been condemned and removed from the shelves of the Depository already. The real object was, in the first place, to attack, condemn, and punish, without the chance of fair hearing or defence, the Secretary of the Society ; and secondly, to place the Lord Bishop of the Diocese in a position, which might extort from him a public confession of Faith and Doctrine, in presence of a mixed assembly, composed of Clergy and Laity, Churchmen and Dissenters, ladies and children, boys, and those whose uproar Dr. Bayard has himself compared to the noise of Pandemonium !

Dr. Bayard (page 16) labours to avoid the imputation of having entertained the design of catechising His Lordship. He says—"I did not solicit the Lord Bishop to express *his* sentiments." True ; but the Doctor did bring forward a resolution, and initiate a discussion, in which silence on His Lordship's part became impossible, without subjecting himself to the charge of really entertaining Tractarian opinions. We all know how silence is generally construed, by those whose minds are pre-occupied by even slight suspicion.

In the same page (16) Dr. Bayard says—"In the course of the evening Judge Parker came forward, and expressed his sincere regret that there were such objectionable books in the Depository ; and he said that the subject demanded inquiry and explanation, and hoped that His Lordship would promote it." I am by no means clear that the Judge said so ; but I ask—Would he have so expressed himself, had he known that the subject had been already inquired into, and the objectionable books removed ?