

it will be in our power, to stop the progress of that anti-christian spirit of dissent which threatens to reduce the great body of believers into numberless sects and parties, and if possible, to exclude Christianity from the earth ;\*—if we, on all these accounts, I say, feel obliged to exhort you to “ mark them which cause divisions, and to avoid them,” will you not receive our warning, as coming from God, in meekness and humility ? Will you suspect us of possessing any other motive but pure and sincere wishes for the prosperity and eternal welfare of the Church of God ? We hope not. We hope that you will see, yourselves, the necessity of our being a little more active and watchful for the future than we have been in time past ; and that we are bound by the most solemn and sacred ties, to do all in our power to keep our people “ in the unity of the Spirit, and in the bond of peace ;” and to instruct them in such a manner, as will be necessary for them to repel the attacks, or the temptations, which they are likely to meet with under existing circumstances.

It might be supposed by some, that we speak in this way to you from no other motive but that of jealousy, and the desire of reigning alone over the Church.

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\* Dissent appears to me to be intended by the devil as the most powerful means he can use to undermine true religion among men. This evil is the more dangerous, because it often proceeds from well-meaning, though mistaken persons, and is always covered with the cloak of religion.

“ Separation is the ready way to bring in Popery.”—*Baxter*.

The author would earnestly recommend every Churchman to furnish himself with the following cheap volumes, as excellent preservatives against the torrent of error and confusion which is abroad : “ Potter on Church Government ;” “ Baylie’s Institutions of the Church ;” and “ Difficulties of Dissent,” by Rev’d R. Hobart.