

the almost dying advice of John Wesley to his Irish followers. Mr. Berney is an Irishman, I have heard.

Let us now see what were the wishes of Charles Wesley, John's brother and associate. The following is extracted from a letter of his to an American clergyman: "I never lost my dread of a separation, or ceased to guard our societies against it. I frequently told them, I am your servant, as long as you remain members of the Church of England; but no longer. *Should you ever forsake her, you renounce me.* Some of our lay preachers very early discovered an inclination to separate, which induced my brother to publish reasons against a separation. As often as it appeared, we beat down the SCHISMATICAL spirit. If any one did leave **THE CHURCH**, at the same time he left our Society. For fifty years we kept the sheep in **THE FOLD**, and having fulfilled the number of our days only waited to depart in peace."†

I see more reason for it than ever I yet saw, I WILL NOT LEAVE the Church of England as by law established WHILE THE BREATH OF GOD IS IN MY NOSTRILS." (See Jackson's "*Church and the Methodists*," page 26. Jackson was himself a Methodist.) The following expressions are to be found, scattered through the writings of John Wesley:—"When we forsake the Church, God will forsake us."—"They that are enemies to the Church, are enemies to me."—"I will rather lose twenty Societies than separate from the Church."—"You cannot be too watchful against evil speaking, or too zealous for the poor Church of England."—"I live and die a member of the Church of England, and none who regard my judgment or advice will ever separate from it."—"I DARE not separate from the Church; I BELIEVE it would be sin so to do."—How strange is it that men will not only adopt the name of a poor fellow creature, whereby to designate their religious creed, but will select or retain the name of one, whose words and writings are so thoroughly opposed to the sin of separation—to the sinful schism of those who call themselves "WESLEYANS!" while they are, "in fact" "ANTI-WESLEYS."

† See "*Sermons on the Ministry, Worship, and Doctrines of the Protestant Episcopal Church*," by G. T. Chapman, printed at Burlington, U. S. 1832. The seventh sermon contains these remarks of the Rev. Charles Wesley, with others;