

we are inclined to be rebellious and insubordinate, and instead of agreeing to differ in matters of small importance, and instead of having patience with our fathers in the Lord, and waiting until we see things in a different light, we are too apt to fall out by the way, and to commit the great sin of schism. That is, we rend the body of Christ, as if it were a virtue to do so. We cannot, for the sake of unity, peace, and order, have charity enough, and patience enough, to mend matters by remaining together and "striving together" as members of the same body, and disciples of the same Lord, and fellow travellers towards the same home. And all this happens usually about non-essentials, or mere matters of form, or of taste, or of opinion. Is it not very plain that so long as that is the case, it is impossible for us to obey the Bible, which requires obedience to Church rulers, and strict unity among Christians? So long as that is the case we may well fear the doom of a house, or a kingdom, divided against itself.

