

rod, and lick the dust on which he walks—just so, the allied priests have amongst those over whom they reign, certain ones whom they honor with more than ordinary respect; these plead the cause of the priests, defend their proceedings, and denounce those who plead for reform; these kiss the priest's toe and hold his stirrup; these are the veriest bigots; these are the ass on which Balaam rides. When one of the allied monarchs is likely to become too powerful, or to be too strong for the others, the other sovereigns become jealous, begin to explain away the obligation of the alliance, and prepare themselves for his exclusion; when one of the allied priests becomes too popular or too powerful in the diocese, the others say it is better that one man perish, or be destroyed, than that the whole priesthood suffer. But in fact the analogy appears perfect in every instance; the allied clergy resemble a monstrous production of nature which we once saw, two bodies united, and but one soul. Thus, though the allied clergy are two apparently distinct bodies, they possess but one and the same soul and spirit.

THE HISTORICAL ARGUMENT FOR UNIVERSALISM.

Plains, near Cobourg, 3rd June, 1855.

To the Editor of the Christian Banner:

MR. EDITOR:—One of these days the August Number of your periodical for 1853, came into my hands, in which I found a reply of yours to the Rev. W. Hooper, Universalist, Halifax, Nova Scotia. In said article of yours, you assert, "Universalism, while it has a good share of ridicule for the baseless conceits of traditionary christianity, most faithfully follows the fashion of scrapifying the divine volume, and forcing the language of heaven into the veriest fancies."

Now, sir, people whose dispositions of mind are naturally vindictive, may "ridicule" the doctrine which Universalists advocate, but I do not see how any benevolent mind can for a moment believe the horrid doctrine of eternal burnings: and as regards that part of your assertion in which you speak of "scrapifying" the Bible, &c., let me state in reply, Mr. Editor, that in my opinion, Universalians are no more guilty of "scrapifying" as you term it, than is Mr. D. Oliphant of the "Banner," in his controversies with those who differ from him in his interpretation of "Baptism," &c., &c.

But, sir, in his discussion with you, Mr. Hooper omitted the his-