

son. As such it is a very pretty, appropriate, and innocent name. Any one giving up the name of his own family and accepting the Wesley family name, would be committing only what we may call social violence and be guilty only of family fraud. But so soon as the name Wesley is forced out of the family circle, and Wesley is made to stand before us, not as a certain man's son, but as a new religious teacher and reformer, then indeed the man who calls himself by his name commits two offences against heaven—the first, by looking to and relying upon a man as divine authority—the second, by accepting a name expressive of greater relationship to an earthly teacher than to the heavenly Teacher.

And the party name, expressing the party character, is so complete that it has not, to our vision, one redeeming feature. We never hear of christian Wesleys or Wesleyan christians. It seems rather that the man Wesley is regarded as the embodiment of heaven's grace, doctrine, and authority; and therefore his teaching, policy, and even his fleshy name, are taken as though they bore the signet and endorsement of our Great King—as though the Lord of Life had withdrawn the authority originally given to the Holy Twelve, and commissioned the son of Samuel surnamed Wesley to 'Go into all the world and make Wesleysans.'

Wesley taught many excellent things—so did the great Saxon reformer—so did Calvin—so did Arminius—so did Knox—so did Fuller; but for a professor to call himself a Wesleyan, a Lutheran, a Calvinist, an Arminian, a Knoxite, or a Fullerite, is not only highly disrespectful to the Founder of christianity, but it strongly indicates that christianity itself is misapprehended.

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DUTIES OF ELDERS.

For the Christian Banner.

The reciprocal duties of elders and congregations have largely engaged the attention of writers and speakers, but we do not remember to have seen or heard any thing on the duties of elders to each other. The duties of elders to each other we conclude must be important and we shall introduce the subject by presenting our cogitations upon it for the consideration of all those who may feel interested in it. That elders must have duties to perform towards each other will appear from the fact that they have duties to perform both