

ANOTHER FURTHER RESULT OR FRUIT OF THEIR DOCTRINE,

Is separation from the church of Christ, and the infusing of a sectarian spirit into their disciples. Professing to abhor division, their doctrines are the most sectarian in existence, everywhere alienating Christian people by their denunciation of the church of Christ. Professedly attacking denominationalism, they are in reality weakening and hindering the cause of Christ. The true gospel tends to draw Christians of every branch of the church of Christ together. The doctrine they teach has the opposite effect of setting them in enmity to one another.

A third fruit of their doctrine exhibited in themselves and their disciples, is that of

THEIR SPIRITUAL PRIDE.

They claim superior knowledge and superior holiness for themselves. To be more directly led by the Spirit of God. They imagine that they and their disciples have more light than ordinary Christians in spiritual things; and take upon themselves without authority from man or God, but simply on their own judgment of themselves, the work and the duties of the Christian ministry.

Many other evil fruits might be spoken of as resulting from their teaching, and this feature in their proceedings is very noticeable, that it is not so much to bring sinners to Christ, apparently, that they labour with unwearied zeal, but to bring those that are already members of the Christian church, into fellowship with them. Their whole conduct in this respect being as opposed to the true spirit of the gospel of peace, as darkness is to light.

AND WHO ARE THEY?

Are they really persons of superior intelligence and character? Are they more learned, more earnest, better fitted to teach than the ministers of the gospel in your midst, who for years have laboured amid many difficulties to spread among the people the knowledge of the truth? What evidence do they bring of their high claim? Is a proud standing aloof from all who do not adopt their doctrine, a proof of a humble Christian spirit? Is this spirit of strife and hostility to the preachers of the gospel the mark of an advanced Christian experience? Is a spirit of presumption and an ill-regulated zeal, a bitter opposition to the ordinances of the church of God, and an endeavour to break up the peace of families