

which I could give, fearlessly assert that some dogmas, and the methods of teaching pursued, are doing more mischief than most of the infidel writers of the present day.

And when I see a good and wise man, like yourself, lured from the bishop's office, and severed from the flock, the oversight of which you had committed into your hands, and of which you are one day to give an account ; I say, when I see one of your high attainments allured from all these sacred relations and this glorious responsibility, to help to build up a college in the city of Washington, which never did promise any spiritual good, and which the Lord Jesus never stood in need of, not even when he commenced with such fearful odds against him, from all the schools of philosophy in Greece and Rome : I again say, when I see you enticed to abandon your flock for this vain project, for the fashion of this world which passes away, I am at a loss to say what greater mischief can be done to the cause of the humble gospel, than the schemes and projects now in fashion are doing, and with the greater effect too, by the good words and fair speeches which make them go down so well with the good people.

The mischief I have done, namely, that of creating a distrust in the public mind of the divine call and infallibility of the public instructors, of making the laity read with more hopes of understanding the sacred writings ; of showing the impropriety of shackling the human conscience and fettering the human understanding by human creeds, and of placing in their true light some wild and abstract speculations of the scholastic theologies, of enlightening the religious mind on many items in which it was enveloped in ignorance and superstition, is nothing compared with one such occurrence. These, too, constitute the head and front of my offending. For as to the divisions and bickerings amongst members of churches charged upon me, they are as unreasonable as to charge the christian religion itself, its founder and his apostles, with all the divisions and persecutions which occurred in their day, which not themselves, but their enemies and opposers created. It is my opposers that create all the divisions and discords, which they afterwards unjustly charge upon me.

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That joy which makes us slight prayer will in the end fill us with sadness.

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Stumbling blocks in religion will always be found by those who seek them.