

## OPPOSE THE OPPOSITION.

The subjoined is copied from the New York Chronicle. It is capital:

Our denominational names are signs of antagonism. Baptist and Pedo-Baptist, Congregational and Episcopal, Calvinism and Arminianism, and so on, are names which occupy towards each other an attitude of contrariety and opposition. They are "banners" of war, indicating, that those who bear them have each the idea that it has "a great truth" as a battle-axe with which to hew down the opposing sects. Instead of standing on the broad basis of christianity as a whole, each has entrenched itself in some single fastness which it makes more of than of the whole wide continent besides.

Now, nobody supposes this divided state of things is as desirable as a general harmony in truth. A Babel of conflicting opinions is by no means so Christ-like as "the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." And who does not prefer to return as rapidly as possible to a religious nomenclature that reminds one of a christianity uncorrupted by philosophy and superstition, a christianity flowing as a translucent stream from the heart of the Godman into the bosom of a Church having one "Lord, one faith, and one baptism."

The terms Baptist, Congregationalist, Episcopalian, Methodist, Presbyterian, and the like, are not Bible names for the followers of Christ; but are the outgrowth of a divided and corrupted Church.

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## M.D.—LL.D.—D.D.

There is fitness and convenience in giving the title Doctor to a practitioner of medicine. The title indicates his profession, and serves, more conveniently than his Christian name, to distinguish him from others of the same surname. It is in no sense an ostentation; it is simply a matter of fact.

The title indicated by LL.D., is of comparatively questionable value. It is evidence that some one of our institutions of learning has deemed its recipient sufficiently accomplished in "Learning and Laws" to be complimented by that institution's diploma. It is a certificate of the *opinion* of that institution. Of course, it passes for what it is worth; and it is an *honor*, or not, according to circumstances. The individual