

incompetent. "Why dost thou judge thy brother...for it is written we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ; so then every one of us must give an account of himself to God.—Rom. xiv. 10.

In the 3rd chapter of the Epistle to the Galatians, St. Paul calls all the members of that Church the children of God; but, sir, were they children according to your ideas of a spiritual Church? Let St. Paul answer the question himself. He tells them he had laboured in vain among them, and assures them that although they were in Christ (Gal. iii, 27), yet Christ was not formed in them.—Gal. iv., 19, 20. But notwithstanding all this, he declares them all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus — Gal. iii 26. It is useless, sir, to multiply passages for the whole Bible is on the side of the Church, and in opposition to your Council of New York and Chicago. All this is reasonable enough: the Church is the school to fit us for a higher life in heaven. We can not get our Christian education in a day; it requires a lifetime in which to graduate for the great college above; and, sir, you know the comparison is perfect, no child finishes his education the day he enters school; but in your sermon, sir, you declare your conviction that the Christian has finished his education in Christ almost before he enters the Church at all; for on page 6, you declare "the *essential* characteristics of the true Church are a *spotless* righteousness, a *perfect* peace with God, and a joy of which the world

knows nothing"; and the *sect* that teaches this absurdity, repugnant as it is to every book of the Divine word, you tell us is a Scriptural Church!! Verily, whatever it may be called, it is a slander on the Bible to call it a scriptural one.

With you, sir, the Church is all wheat *and no tares*, and all wise virgins and no foolish ones, and all good fishes without any bad ones. Against all these vain assertions of the sectarian world our loving Saviour warns us, saying, as the temptation comes from New York or Chicago, or any where else, "Lo, I have told you before."—Matt. xxiv. 25.

On page 7, sir, you tell us that your little schism "acknowledges no authority as co-ordinate with the written word of God." Do you insinuate, sir, by that assertion, that the Church which you left does any thing else, if so, her whole history proves, to the world, that you have wickedly misrepresented her. You know, sir, she still holds to the Article which says that whatever cannot be proved from Holy Scripture is not required of any man to be believed; but sir, if you acknowledge the written word I have just given you, I call upon you in God's name to repent, and acknowledge your error, or else show that I have not quoted the passages, against you, correctly. I simply ask you to imitate those noble Bereans you tell us you so much admire. Just like them "receive the word with all readiness," and search the scriptures daily to see are these things so. We fear you will not, because you