

PUSEYISM.

THIRD LECTURE.

BAPTISMAL REGENERATION.

Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again.—[John 3d chap. 7th v.]

The subject for consideration this evening is, “Baptismal Regeneration,” a dogma of the Oxford Divines, and one which we consider has no support from the Word of God, but is opposed to both the *Words*, and to the whole spirit of the Gospel of Christ Jesus; it is a doctrine at once so arrogant, uncharitable, unreasonable, and wicked, as not only to excite one’s surprise, but also our sorrow and indignation, that it should be taught from the Chairs of Doctors in Protestant seats of learning, circulated in ten thousand forms through the press, by men enjoying the endowments of a Church, and a religion, whose principles, and very name they hate and repudiate; nay further, be proclaimed from the pulpits, and practiced in the very Sanctuaries once regarded as the sacred depositories of the truths, the whole truths, and nothing but the truths of the Reformation, Protestantism, the word of God.

Yet dark as the picture is at present, we would still fondly cling to the good hope, that England’s Protestantism will yet rise, and purify her institutions from such a foul leaven as Puseyism; and that the many noble spirits in the English Church who so fondly cling to their beloved Episcopacy, may yet succeed in towing their ship clear off the shoals and whirlpools of Puseyism and Oxford; before she is irretrievably engulfed in the dark caverns of Romanism. Most gladly would we cheer such efforts on,