

blood. Take away any one of these doctrines, and you destroy the foundation ; you remove the key-stone from the arch that spans the dreary chasm which separates sinning man from his offended Creator.

In happy accordance with that recognition of the supremacy of the Scriptures, and firm adhesion to their vital doctrines, which distinguish this Association, is the spirit of genuine *catholicity* that pervades and animates it. It regards "faith in Christ Jesus, and love unto all the saints," as principles coeval in the experience of every true believer; and the union of which is essential to the symmetry of his character, and the honour of Christianity. And really, it is high time in this the nineteenth century of the Christian era, that one of the divinest of mysteries,—that of *brotherly love*,—were revealed to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity ;—time, that those who have one hope, one baptism, and acknowledge one Lord ; who are members of the same spiritual household, and joint heirs of the same glory, should strike their hands, and blend their hearts, in a covenant of peace ; should heap coals of fire—the fire of charity—upon the *odium theologicum*, the acrimony that has been so long the reproach of religious controversy ; and, —in honour of Him who prayed that all who believe in him might be one,—utterly consume it.

What are the points of dissonance among real Christians, compared with those in respect of which they are at unity ? What are the elements of mutual repulsion that alienate, compared with the attractive forces that ought to draw them, together—the celestial ligaments which do in point of fact unite them so closely with each other, by uniting them *all* to their Divine Head ?—If, moreover, "the love of the truth that dwelleth in " our fellow-Christians, "and shall be with