

pleasant to me in the extreme, and unprofitable to both parties. I pray therefore have me excused." And Paul might in "godly sincerity," rejoin—"If this be your deliberate conclusion—if through fear of something unpleasant or unprofitable, you allow vain talkers and deceivers to go on unchecked, you are unfit for your office, and had better either correct your present views and feelings, or seek other employment more consonant therewith."

Leaving Titus to settle this matter with Paul, we will proceed to consider Mr. D's next reason for not reviewing your letters, which is,

Third, he is a man of peace. Men of God are always men of peace. But it is the peace of God they prize. They know there is no peace to the wicked, and buckling on the sword of the spirit, they go forth with the Captain of salvation, conquering and to conquer. While they follow peace with all men, they never shrink from the good fight of faith. They know that Christ came not to send peace on earth but a sword, and that the more vigorously the war is prosecuted the sooner the peace of God will be established. Hence Paul, that good soldier of Christ Jesus—in imitation of the ancient worthies—"waxed valiant in fight and put to flight the armies of the aliens"—the weapons of his warfare were mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds. He loved the truth, and was set for its defence against all opposition.

But Mr. D. is a man of peace. If in his estimation you hold up the Baptists in an unfavorable light, he simply sneers with becoming humility at your "pious performance," and with commendable delicacy merely observes in reference to your statements, that nothing, so far as his experience and that of thousands goes, could be more *libelously false*. He "cannot come down" to you, but he can point to you the finger of scorn, and with righteous indignation learnedly exclaim, *O pudor*.

"Traducing and scandalizing may seem hard terms," but sir they are not so. They only seem so. Mr. D. is a man of peace. How could he use hard terms? Your expressions are "harsh and uncouth." Your views are "purely apostolical." You love controversy; you make false charges—"libelously false," you are "carried away by party zeal in its unloveliest form;" you "traduce and scandalize;" you "stigmatize;" you make a "perfect caricature;" you make "invidious comparisons;" you speak "tauntingly;" you use the "Campbelite bible;" you "regard the disciples as perfect models! unparalleled and unmatched!" "No doubt ye are the men and wisdom shall die with you."