

himself I entertain neither resentment or ill will. I only pray that God may forgive and amend in him the unfriendly spirit which he has shewn in his publication. As to the Roman Catholics in general, however I may lament what I conceive to be errors, not from prejudice, but from serious inquiry, I condemn them not ; to their own master they stand or fall. As I have no reason to the contrary so I feel no sentiments towards them but those of a sincere brotherly love. As I have hitherto lived with them in habits of mutual civility and kindness, so I hope always to continue in the same reciprocal exchange of good offices. I know, and I wish them to recollect, that we are all the servants of the same God, having all the same hope in his son Jesus Christ. Upon other points we may differ, upon one subject there can be no variation of opinion, that *universal Charity* is the characteristic virtue of all Christians. " Though we have the " gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge ; and though we " have faith, so that we could remove mountains, and have not charity, we are nothing*." In the pursuit and exercise of *this virtue* emulation between all sects of Christians would be noble. Instead of hurling defiance and anathemas at each other, which can never convince the understanding, though they may inflame the passions, how much more edifying a spectacle would it be to see us striving in a

* 1 Cor. XIII.

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