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And John answered him, saying, master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us; and we forbade him, because he followeth not us. But Jesus said, forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me.—Mark ix. 38, 39.

In this conduct of the disciples of our Lord, we have thus early a plain indication of the tendency of even the best of men, to take up false positions, injurious to the progress of truth in the world. We have here men assuming a false position upon the assumption of a certain property, which, under a variety of names has ever since been doing mischief to mankind; because “they walk not with us,” is the reason rung in the ears of men, since holy Stephen gave his spirit up into the hands of Jesus, down to the shutting of Rome’s Inquisition on the devoted Dr. Achilli; and when John of Exeters’ chains told the people of England, not only what her Bishop’s thought on the subject of others daring to differ from them, but what they have both heart and will to do with such delinquents. “Oh my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honor, be not thou united! for in their anger they slew the man, and in their self-will they cut off the Princes. Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath for it was cruel.” These parties not only assume a certain property, as necessary, but claim to be the sole proprietors of it; and then as a natural consequence, give or deny it to whom they please; they also censure and silence all (if they can),