

but," added he, with a look of peculiar satisfaction, "a full conviction that we are obeying the commands of the Lord Jesus, raises us superior to these little obstacles. While we follow our own convictions of duty, and are thankful, that, in this highly favoured country every man enjoys liberty to worship God according to his own conscience, we, at the same time cherish a loving spirit towards all who truly fear God; we earnestly desire the universal spread of the Gospel; and use every means in our power for the salvation of perishing sinners around us. I thanked this worthy man for the free and open manner in which he talked with me, and with much regret, bade him adieu!

Next morning I pursued my journey, but not without casting a wishful eye on the spot where these disciples sojourn. The occurrences of this day I shall not soon forget. Never do I read of the churches of the New Testament but I realise the christians at —. Send forth, O God! thy light and thy truth, unite thy people. Thou hast indeed given them a good law; thy commandments concerning all things are right. "Thus says the Lord, I am the Lord your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you by the way that you should go. Oh! that you had hearkened to my commandments, then had your peace been as a river, and your righteousness as the waves of the sea!"*

DISCOURSE ON POSITIVE INSTITUTIONS.

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My second proposition is, that God's positive institutions have appeared most unlikely means to super-induce the evils, that have flowed from the violation of them, or to secure the good, that has resulted from obedience to them.

How unlikely a thing was the eating of an apple, to entail upon the human family death and all the ills, with which man has been visited, since our first parents plucked down upon their guilty heads, the vengeance of heaven, by plucking the fruit of the prohibited tree!

Unlikely as it may seem, that violation of positive divine law, is the seminal principle, from which has sprung that deadly Upas, that all blasting tree, that darkens both the heavens and the earth, and "rains down plagues on men like dew, disease, death, bondage, whatever woes we see, and worse than this, whatever woes we feel," that pierce our souls with all the pangs of scorpion stings.

Can you imagine a more unlikely means of obtaining the pardon of

* Would the churches at Jerusalem, Phillippi, &c. the models of the above be esteemed orthodox now?