

*Pioneer* objects not to a particular sentiment held by a portion of the Methodists, as we do to an unchurching dogma of a portion of the Baptists; he wars against Methodism itself, and the spirit of his original and adopted language is, "away with it from the earth! It is not fit to live!" For lack of matter from a belligerent English paper, the *Pioneer* calls in the aid of a Canadian Methodist apostate, who has been "every thing by turns and nothing long at a time." As well might JULIAN the apostate be called to witness against Christianity. Now all this is what ROBERT HALL calls the "intolerance of weakness." Calumny and abuse, instead of argument, is the strong fort and the great weapon of "weakness," as it is the spirit of "intolerance." The *Pioneer* is an apt example of the "weakness" in the one case, and of the "intolerance" in the other, clearly illustrating another passage of ROBERT HALL—"an attempted incongruous mixture of liberal principles with a particular act of intolerance; and these, like the iron and clay in Nebuchadnezzar's image, will not mix."

But this is only an incidental topic of the *Pioneer's* introduction to cover his retreat from the original subject of our rebuke; which was neither the subjects nor the mode of Baptism, but the *close communion* dogma, which denies the memorials of the Saviour's dying love to all, and unchurches all, who do not submit to the *Pioneer's* mode of baptism. It was this feature of the *Pioneer's* tract (thrust into Methodist houses) on which we animadverted, and which the *Pioneer* has the self-deceiving weakness still to call an "unwarrantable attack," instead of a proper rebuke in behalf of insulted parties. We come back to this unchurching as well as unscriptural dogma, and we remark that it belittles the mind; that it involves the essence of Popery in the despotism of its assumptions, in its intolerant spirit and schismatic character.

We will illustrate these positions, not in our own words, not after the example of the *Pioneer*, by citing the calumnies of enemies and apostates, but by quoting the words of a Baptist Minister, whose works have enriched the English language, whose virtues have adorned the whole Christian church, but the catholicity of whose spirit was not bound by under-water Christianity, but embraced "all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity."

1. On the belittling character and tendency of the *Pioneer* dogma, ROBERT HALL remarks: "Generally speaking, the adoption of a narrow and contracted theory will issue in a narrow and contracted mind. It is too much to expect that a habit of treating all other Christians as aliens from the fold of Christ, and unworthy of a participation of the