

power extraordinary by which he can prove his ambassadorial office by the requisite seal of inspiration.

5. And the Saviour therefore calls upon every man to hearken and to obey this ambassador without doubt or question, seeing that every ambassador of Jesus is empowered to speak and act infallibly as though the Lord were present in person.

These are some of the marks and official traits pertaining to an ambassador; and for our part, if any living man, in Athol or out of it, can thus show his title to the rank of an ambassador of the Prince of Life, we will freely accord to him full powers to teach and to enjoin unerringly in heaven's name. We will hear every word he utters and yield to every precept he declares, with the same solemnity, reverence, and exactness as though the crucified and risen Nazarene were personally in attendance.

Not to attempt the proof of a negative, too much evidence forces itself upon us that there are no ambassadors of Jesus now living among men. Let us glance at four ambassadors from the four corners of Athol:—

No. 1 of the ambassadors lifts his voice with his arm and points to the Chief Bishop at Rome as the centre and source of remission of sins.

No. 2 stands erect and proclaims that the Sovereign of the British Realm is the Head of the Church, and therefore it is through English Episcopacy that we are to receive salvation.

No. 3 refers with authority to John Knox and gives us doses of ecclesiastic medicine through the saving virtue of the Presbytery.

No. 4 preaches that John Wesley is the Founder of Methodism, and that by Methodism we become acquainted with the forgiveness of sins.

Now, as unity is one of the vital elements of the religion of Jesus, these four ambassadors with their four diverse means of salvation, if not four different salvations, cannot possibly be recognized as the ambassadors of Jesus. Observe the sweeping power of the evidence against these professed ambassadors:—Christ's chosen witnesses properly called ambassadors *all* teach *him*, and are therefore united in their work: but here, each ambassador excludes and disfellowships his three brother ambassadors! But they all equally avow that they are Christ's called and sent ambassadors; and are they not honest? Yes; all of them. What then? All ambassadors because all honest? Who can believe it? Their honesty does not unite them; and hence even from this single point of view it must be witnessed that they cannot be the