

mented largely or severely upon either Wesley or his system on the pages of this work ; but we are bound to say that the methodism that has been, is as much superior to what it now is and what it is becoming, as John Wesley was superior to Edgerton Ryerson. Truly it is not without regret we observe the continued tendency of Wesleyanism to good old fashioned Episcopacy, dressed in the beauty of well ordered externals, specially arranged for the convenience and popularity of the highest and most honored officials. We deplore this—unfeignedly deplore it: for the piety, the warmth, the zeal of Wesleyanism must diminish and wane into nothing through the formal, machine-like, and ease-inducing arrangements now being borrowed from the churchism of two hundred years' standing. But on these 'signs of the times' we leave every son and daughter of right reason and scripture reading to offer criticism according to the wisdom given to each, without prejudging or volunteering reflections in advance. D. O.

LETTERS ON CHRISTIAN UNION.

No. II.

TO THOSE WHO TOOK PART IN THE SYRACUSE UNION CONVENTION IN GENERAL, AND TO MESSRS. SMITH, WHEATON, AND SNOW IN PARTICULAR:—

RESPECTED SIRS:—The positions either assumed or implied in my former letter may be summed up in three sentences: 1st, Union being one of the elements of christianity, it is to be most heartily promoted by all who take upon them the divine name. 2nd, The union of various parties upon party principles is not the union of "the body of Christ." And 3d, Divisions, although to be deplored and deprecated, are nevertheless not more injurious than the causes that produce them; and as I was to treat of the cause and cure of divisions in the present communication, my pen is now pointed to fulfil this purpose.

When Jesus came into the world he was to save his people from their sins; and all that he said and done while on earth had direct reference to sins and sinners. He began to teach. He began also to work. His works testified of himself and his teaching that both he and what he said were not of earth but of heaven. Immediately there was a division among the people!! One said he was a good teacher, but another disputed it and affirmed he was a deceiver; one would say he was a son of Beelzebub, and others replied that he was the Son of God!! "Henceforth," says he, "there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three." See then how great a divisionist was the Saviour of men!!!