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our conclusion: and are they on that account to be viewed in the same light as though they intentionally rejected the decision of inspired men? What is this but to set up a claim to inspiration, or, at least, to such an infallible guidance in the explanation of Scripture as is equally exempt from the danger of error or mistake? If we examine it accurately, it amounts to more than a claim to infallibility it implies, in Pedobaptists a knowledge of this extraordinary fact. The apostles were not only inspired and consequently infallible teachers, but were known and acknowledged to be such by the primitive Christians; and before we presume to demand an implicit acquiescence in our conclusions, and to consider ourselves entitled to treat dissentients as we suppose the opponents of the apostles would have been treated, it behoves us to evince our possession of infallibility by similar evidence.\* Re- buke administered in this form to our Baptist brethren, by one of their opponents, would no doubt be regarded as the language of contumacy and resentment: but emanating, as it does, from the eloquent lips of their own estimable and illustrious HALL, who being dead yet speaketh, it will surely be deemed entitled to some degree of regard: it should at least repress the triumph with which they are wont to represent themselves as virtually the only Christian church upon earth; and impose a check upon that sectarian vehemence, mistaken, perhaps, by themselves for zeal to *win* souls to Christ, one principal object of which, is, to effect the SEPARATION of *real* Christians from the bosom of those churches to which they are attached.† On this delicate subject, we should probably be deterred from expressing with unfettered freedom our own sentiments, from an apprehension that they would not be likely if associated with our name, to operate upon the minds of our esteemed Baptist brethren with any salutary influence;—we are therefore happy in being exempted from the necessity of so doing by one under whose most humiliating rebukes they cannot but remember, that "faithful are the wounds of a FRIEND." Under these impressions, and prompted by a sincere desire to do them good, we are induced to lay before them another extract from the same celebrated writer:—

"We are incompetent judges," observes MR. HALL to his Baptist brethren, "of the light in which our conduct appears to those against whom it is directed; but the more frequently we place ourselves in their situation the less will be our surprise at the indica-

\*Hall's Works, vol. 1, p. 408. N. Y. Ed. †Treat. on Bap. p. 120.