

Principal reason. Great butwark. Leprosy. Single aim. Insults. Injuries. Lamented dead. No parallel, &c.

inferred from this, that out of thirteen thousand clergymen of that Church in England, nearly three thousand have already publicly recorded their names, in solemn protest against the spirit of apostasy prevailing in that Establishment; and above ten thousand laymen of all ranks, lately addressed the University of Oxford, protesting against the conduct of the national clergy in that respect. And I pledge my humble credit on the assertion, that some of these are among the most distinguished in that church, both for station, for piety, and for learning!

This state of things it was, which formed the principal reason of the part which the Wesleyans in England took in the late successful opposition to the attempt to place the national education under the exclusive controul of the Anglican clergy. [The established clergy were once "TRUSTED" with exclusive power over the national mind. For ages they criminally neglected the flock, while at the same time, they unholily revelled upon the fleece. And now that they are preparing to lead it to strange pastures, even, they are never more to be exclusively "TRUSTED," in England.] That question is now set at rest for ever! Our own established reputation is the sufficient guarantee, that with us, at least, the movement was not of a factious character. And, in so saying, far be it from my wish to intimate that it was such, on the part of those devoted Christians of other denominations, who united with us on the occasion.

It was because we have hitherto recognized, in that venerable church, a great butwark of our common Protestantism, that we regarded and revered her. But, should she continue to decline from that valued position—should the dreaded "*leprosy*" still spread—the Wesleyans, who are one, all over the world, will not fail to shew, by the grace of God, and on every fitting occasion, that though they loved the Church of England much, they love their favoured British Nation more—and "*the Cause of Christ*" most!

The single aim of our body ever has been, as Mr. WESLEY expressed it, "*to save souls!*" and we truly rejoice in the success of all who, to that end, preach "*repentance towards God, and faith towards our Lord Jesus Christ;*" whether found amongst dissenters or churchmen. The Wesleyans have never believed, they had received a call from God to interfere with the constitution of other churches; saving as the faithful and fervent preaching of "*the truth as it is in Jesus,*" may influence every institution which is liable to be affected by an ameliorated and evangelized public opinion.

We are now in the second century of our humble and persevering adherence to this course of Christian duty. And, on review of the principles and practices of our Wesleyan fathers, the result is, that the Wesleyans of the present day are determined, "*the Lord being our helper,*" to "*walk by the same rule,*" to "*mind the same thing.*"

The Wesleyans have grown up by the side of the Church of England, I may venture to say, not only without any detriment to that body of Christians, but also with no small portion of advantage to them.

To this effect gratifying testimony has been borne, by some of the most distinguished CIVILIANS and ECCLESIASTICS of the British Empire: "College

and "*Courier*" vituperation to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Yet, the supercilious public insults, and the cruel private injuries, which have been heaped upon us by intolerant churchmen, in various places, have been neither few nor small. EVEN IN THE PRESENT DAY, and in England, our lamented dead have been openly refused the rites of sepulture, and a place in the public parochial burying-grounds, by intolerant Episcopal clergymen, who deny that we are Christians, because we may not have been baptized by one of their own order!

Should these things at length, have in some degree diminished the number or even abated the ardour of the Church of England's friends among us, such a result would hardly be deemed either matter of surprise or ground of censure against us.

HISTORY will furnish NO PARALLEL, of a community maintaining, as we have done in relation to the English Church, (and that now for nearly FOUR GENERATIONS,) so persevering an attitude of friendly bearing towards another body, from which it had to encounter so much of what has been unreciprocating and ungracious, not to say ungenerous and inhumane! On each of these points, I have facts at hand. But I forbear.

In the warm affections of very many valued Church of England people, both in the parent land and in the Colonies (Canada certainly not excepted,) we cheerfully rejoice. And if some of her "HONEST advocates" do not understand their own real and ultimate interests better than to disdain our friendship and to aim at obstructing our usefulness, by misrepresenting our principles and character; it will, at all events, be seen that some of ourselves sufficiently understand our own true "*calling,*" not to afford them any real justification for such ingratitude—such "*iniquity!*"

It is hoped that this communication will tend to demonstrate, that the Wesleyans, among others, "*were chosen instruments of Providence,*" for giving a great impulse to religious feeling, WHEN IT WAS NEEDED MOST! And, as such, that they justly claim the friendly regards of the human family at large, and especially of that part of it which may be attached to the Church of England!

I remain, Mr. Editor, yours respectfully,

W. M. HARVARD.

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PHILIPSBURG Jan. 23, 1845. }

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CONCLUDING LETTER—PART II.

"He tells you he is a FRIEND to the Church of England; and as I know not the man, I have no means of ascertaining how far his FRIENDSHIP may go."—Dr. FALLOON'S, First Letter.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE MORNING COURIER.

SIR,—Since I am compelled to speak of myself, the attention of my friends of the Anglican Church may be respectfully invited to the facts, that, throughout the whole of this correspondence, my only aim has been to expose and to resist individual falsehood, insult, and calumny; and to reprove and to reprobate party arrogance and intolerance. I

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