

III.

That while we still cherish a feeling of christian regard for the Church in Granville Street, yet as we are aware that, contrary to all precedents, even in their own history, they intend to refuse a dismission for this body to retire for the purpose we contemplate, except on terms which would long perpetuate unlovely feelings, the brethren and sisters now present request the brethren: ———, ———, and ———, to inform the Church in Granville Street, by letter, that in conformity with the usages in England in similar cases, as proved to us by the examination of "The Baptist Manual," recently published, we hereby withdraw ourselves from their communion to form another Baptist Church; and that the list of persons who may wish to unite with us in this communication be kept open till Thursday evening next.

IV.

That we will still cherish for the brethren and sisters we now leave, feelings of holy love; we will pray for their prosperity, and will be ready, whenever they manifest reciprocal feelings, to co-operate with them, so far as our sense of duty will allow, in all things tending to the glory of our common Lord.

The fact of these resolutions having been passed, became known immediately to one of the deacons of your Church, who expressed his satisfaction that we had taken such a course, as, he said, it would relieve the Church in Granville Street from a very unpleasant duty, meaning our exclusion. But he, poor man, did not know *your* arrangements; he is only consulted after matters have been determined on by his superiors. On the following Wednesday evening, before you had received an answer from any one of the anonymous notes—that you might be beforehand with our letter of withdrawal—you suddenly introduced into the Church, and carried, in spite of all remonstrance, for the letter was *not* adopted *unanimously*, the communication of which you are so fond as to print it in more than one form. This letter was placed in the hands of most of our friends late on the Saturday evening, to prevent, if possible, at the last hour, the formation of the Church on the following day, for which you knew arrangements had been made. This was followed up on the Lord's day morning by your agents in all directions visiting, coaxing, and intimidating to the utmost of their power, but entirely without success; forty-six members from Granville Street on that day united as a separate Church.

And now let us look at the Letter itself. And the first thing which strikes us is the assumptions of its authors. It breathes infallibility throughout. Not an idea ever seems to have approached you while writing it that you had ever done, or said, or even thought wrong in any thing. You are "the