

portion of the then church of God ; and lo, himself notorious for ever after, as he who "made Israel to sin !" His successors on the throne *all, all*, reprobate towards God ! His people departing gradually, still farther and farther from the truth of the Old Testament ; till at last, ripe for vengeance, they are carried away captive, and the place that knew them once knows them no more for ever !

Not to multiply examples from the Old Testament Church,—for a moment, *look at those which the New affords.*

Where are the remains of the various heresies, and schisms of the first ages ? Their *names* continue ; their *tenets* are matters of *record* only ! Whilst, unable to bear the purifying, the trials through which the church has passed have washed them away from her fair face !—And where are they which arose at the Reformation,—the tares which the enemy sowed among the wheat ? Some few remain, whilst the multitude are forgotten ! "Division was their sin ; and division was their curse !"

Where is the schism of JOHN CALVIN—the *openly-acknowledged* departure from the discipline and constitution of the Church, as it had existed from Apostolic days to his own time. It exists in the Presbyterian communion, though expiring, if its divided condition be any criterion of its decay. And where, we would again ask ourselves, is that vast body of professing Christians who still bear the name of WESLEY, (though they have little in common with him but *his name*, wandered, as they have, afar off from his principles) who call him master, and yet do not the things which he commanded,—where are they ?—Still having a name as *Wesleyan Methodists* ; but divided and subdivided ; and each subdivision itself the parent of a numerous offspring of divisions !