

press the laugh at your talking about Bible and Temperance Societies, as though such existed in Mr. Wesley's day. You certainly are less acquainted with Mr. Wesley's writings than I thought you were, or than you ought to be, considering your standing in the church, and especially the confidence with which you refer to them. Are you aware that Mr. Wesley has delivered his judgment most explicitly on this very subject? As doubtless you are not, else you would not have made the statements which have just fallen from your lips, I will direct your attention to it. In volume II. p. 512 we read—"I met the society at five, and explained the nature and use of meeting in class; upon enquiry, I find we have now about five hundred members. But one hundred and fifteen of these do not pretend to meet at all; of these, therefore, I make no account." Vol XII. p. 407 in a letter to Mr. Benson, he writes—"Dear Joseph we must threaten no longer but perform. In November last, I told the London Society, 'our rule is, to meet a class once a week, not once in two or three, I now give you warning, I will give tickets to none in February but those that have done this.' I have stood to my word. Go you, and do likewise, wherever you visit the classes. Begin, if need be, at Newcastle and go on to Sunderland. Promises to meet are now out of date, *those that have not met seven times in the quarter exclude*, read their names in the society, and inform them all, you will the next quarter *exclude all that have not met twelve times*, that is, unless they were hindered by distance,