

TO THE
CHURCH AND CONGREGATION

MEETING IN WHITE'S ROW, PORTSEA, HANTS.

DEARLY BELOVED,

AFTER officiating among you, as Pastor and Minister, between ten and eleven years, it seemed natural to address you in a publication intended to account for that change of sentiment in me, which has proved the occasion of our separation.

Two eminent writers, Mr. Booth and Dr. Williams, have both contributed to this: The latter has my acknowledgments; the former my animadversions. As Mr. B. had no design to discover the fallacy of the Baptist scheme, I thought it proper to show in what way his book has operated, and is likely still to operate, contrary to the design of the author.

I have presented the whole scheme to the reader in the same point of view in which it was exhibited to my own mind. In composing it I have endeavoured to avoid every thing foreign and bitter; that, as the truth has been my object, I wished to say nothing that should divert the attention of the reader from it. Wishing that you and I may grow in grace and in the knowledge of Christ, I remain, in the same esteem and love,

Yours, in our common Lord,

PETER EDWARDS.

PORTSEA,
Jan. 12, 1795.