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ITS NATURE AND USE AMONG CHRISTIANS.

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(Concluded, from page 80.)

THE evil, and it is an enormous evil, one which more than any other has tended to divide christians, and to excite rancor against each other,—this evil is, that any man should, exclusively, consider the scriptures in any one of these lights, or that he should at once take it up as *one whole inspired volume*, as containing pure unmixed truth, supposing all parts of it to be equally valuable, equally suited to edify, equally manifesting the goodness of God, without having previously considered the volume with an understanding mind; or that it should be thus read indiscriminately, even at an age and in circumstances in which the real nature of the Bible cannot be comprehended. It is such conduct as this that causes the Bible, the best of books, often to be treated and misused as if it