

purely voluntary contributions of the laity ; that its ruling motive, object, and results justify its peculiarities ; and that though it does not yield so much power in *theory* to laymen, as some other systems, it actually concedes much in *practice*. These views will, I hope, satisfy you, that the attacks of our enemies are founded more in ignorance or malice, than in truth and fact. It would be easy to meet all their specific allegations in detail, but it is unnecessary in your case. What I have said is sufficient to convince you, that you have no possible risk of personal oppression in the Methodist Church ; that the only pressure you can ever experience from its government, will come in the form of effort to promote your holiness and usefulness, which is precisely what *you* desire. Hence, to *you* its government will be as acceptable, as its doctrines are precious.

And now, beloved convert, adieu ! Though strangers to each other, in the flesh, I trust we now feel one in spirit. This being so, you will follow the advice of my unpretending book, and become a willing member of