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THE

DANGER OF DISSENT.

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I. That it is not uncharitable to warn Dissenters of their danger.

Christian charity is a term very much misunderstood or misrepresented in the present day; and yet, when plainly stated, its duties seem obvious enough. Suppose we were to see a person walking on heedlessly in the direction of a dangerous pit, apparently quite unconscious of his danger, what would be the conduct which Christian charity would require of us? Would it be right to say to ourselves, perhaps he may not fall into it; or, perhaps it may not be deep; and so let him go on?

No, surely; there cannot be a question that it would be our duty to call out as loudly as we could, to warn him of his danger.

This is, in truth, the principle of all Missionary-Societies, and Societies for the Propagation of the Gospel. We believe the heathen to be living in a state of danger; we believe that the Bible contains the revelation of God's will, and the way of salvation, and that it is God's command that it should be made known to all nations; therefore we subscribe our money for the holy purpose of maintaining those ministers whom the bishop shall ordain, as heralds of Gospel-truth, to gather in the heathen to the Church of Christ.

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