

These Scribes have their successors in the Church of to-day ; men who are ready to barter all the doctrines of the Gospel for the sake of their traditions, and make compromises with morality itself, to find room for their crochets and quibbles. There are those who are eager to unchurch the best part of Christendom for a fiction ; some who even revile Christ to his face, and preach damnable heresies ; yet because certain hands have been laid upon them in ordination, they claim to be the true successors of the Apostles, and the only lawful ministers of the Apostolic Church ; while they brand as a schismatic a man who has been ordained, like Timothy, by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, though he may have preached the Gospel with power and blessing, to the saving of thousands, with the demonstration of the Spirit ! To such men the lies and heresies of Rome are nothing in comparison to the enormity of preaching without the sanction of an Episcopal bishop. There are men also in the Church,—fit successors to the Scribes,—who think far more of *water* than of the *blood* of Jesus, for they will unchurch those who have been washed in the one, and receive those who have been only dipped in the other ; men more Judaic than the Jews, and more dogmatic even than the Scribes !

But are not some of our own congregations and Church Courts often witnesses to just such men,—as pedantic, technical, and drivelling as ever the Scribes were ? men who think far more of a *pin* than a *pillar* in the temple of God ! who can split a hair, but can never see the cable it hangs on ! fighting for principles, debating questions, lifting up their testimony, and growing angry over matters as unsubstantial as the foam of the sea, and which

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