

have recoiled with terror from the government of a fickle or stiff-necked laity. Not until the days of Robert Brown and John Robertson—the times of that Puritanic zeal, which with all its excellencies revelled in all imaginable extremes in Religion, in literature, in government, in dress and speech, in everything, was Congregationalism first heard of in the Christian world.

Prophetic words of Melancthon! Under the new polity Germany has become the home of Rationalism. Under the old England has preserved the primitive faith. Under the new, Disunion is the word that may be written over all Christendom—rival and warring creeds, however excellent in other respects, making "Peace," that dear legacy of our Lord to His Church, a mockery. Behold the spectacle your own Church presents to-day. Witness the antagonisms and the heart-burnings already developing themselves in the Denomination—the sacred form of unity and Peace, fainting and prostrate, while your valiant men are whetting their swords and girding on their armor to meet each other in the field. To be sure this proves Baptist Churches are "Independent," if you think that a virtue adequate to cover up the sickening spectacle of strife.

How lamentably it appears to me, you fail to realize the Scripture fact that the Church on earth is made up of divers characters. You must know that Scripture is not less explicit in affirming, than experience in proving that every where both the