

10. *An Answer to Dr. MAYHEW's Observations.*

are often spoken of as such by them in their Letters to the Society, as appears by their Abstracts. How assuming this! But surely it may be retorted, How unfair is this! The Instruction plainly relates, not to Missionaries settled in Presbyterian or congregational Parishes, for there were none so settled when it was drawn up, but for Incumbents of episcopal Parishes, though with a Mixture of Dissenters. And they would of course understand, that endeavouring to convince and reclaim the latter was not to be their stated and principal Business, but occasional only and incidental. If the Doctor should happen to speak of the Episcopalians residing in his Parish, as Part of his Parishioners, and say, that he should endeavour to reclaim them with a Spirit of Meekness; would this be a Proof, that he was fixed there with a formal Design to root out Episcopacy in it? If there be Instances, in which Missionaries, who have no legal Parishes, have used the same Language; (for he quotes none, and I remember none) it only follows, that they have expressed themselves improperly, and should be set right when it is observed.

Another Evidence produced by the Doctor is, that in the *Account of the Society, published in 1706, after speaking of the independent Congregations in New England, they say: "Several other Ways of Division and Separation did so much obtain in other of our Colonies & Plantations, that this made it more necessary to think of providing for a regular and orthodox Ministry,—to promote, as much as possible, an agreement in Faith and Worship."* This, he saith, can mean nothing, more or less, than Uniformity, or a general Conformity to the Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of the Church of England.\* I have not been able to procure this Account, or to learn by whom, or whose Order, it was compiled. But the Passage quoted from it, expressly speaks, not of independent, or any Congregations in New England, but of other Ways of Division and Separation in other Colonies, and therefore is nothing to the Doctor's Purpose: besides that, as much Agreement as possible, in Faith and Worship might be far less than a general Conformity to the Church