

violence, we are fully instructed how to act to them Luke vi, 26—39 : Rom. xii, 19, 20. We are told in Ps. ciii, "The Lord will execute righteous judgment for all that are oppressed;" wherefore all the cruelty practiced on earth, God will punish in his own way and time. Those tyrannical despots over kingdoms, as well as their cruel conduct to individuals, God in his own time and way will punish. The Christian therefore refers all to God.

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The preceding, in connexion with what appeared under the head of UNION MEETING last month, was written both for the *Witness* and for printing separately in tract form. The essay, as a whole, merits a due share of consideration. Like every honest man and truth-loving professor, the writer of the above expresses himself frankly, and offers his sentiments for approval or criticism. Any of our correspondents, therefore, who approve not of everything advanced, are at liberty to respond. A "Thus saith the Lord" or "The mind of the Spirit," settles all controversies with brother James Buchanan of Niagara Falls. An excellent article on MEMORY AND CONSCIENCE, from the same pen, will appear in our next.—We are requested to say, that those who desire to correspond in reference to the Union Meeting at Buffalo, will please write by the 1st of April.

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### POPULAR CHRISTIANITY—OR

THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION COUNTERFEITED.

NO. I.

For any of the unlettered Galileans who left their homes and their handicraft to travel and tell the story of an almost friendless Jew who was hung upon a cross by the combined jealousy of a haughty priesthood and the servile timidity of a foreign governor—for any of these poor, penniless, unpopular, and seemingly powerless preachers to have looked into future centuries with the eye of fancy, and even to have whispered to their nearest confidants that the crucified Jesus whom they preached and the unattractive christianity they proclaimed, would become popular and receive the countenance of the learned, the great, the honorable, and the wise of this world, their imaginative prediction would have been regarded as a silly dream and a baseless vision.

To follow the original heralds of the gospel—to listen to their rehearsal of simple facts about a Nazarene dead and living—to see the rage of some, the haughtiness of others, and the indifference of the