

disputed the existence of this papal limbo, not believe in future punishment? Let all Protestantism answer.

Again, we are 'disputers, cavilers, exclusive, think none right but ourselves, and have more dogmatism and ceremony than wisdom or holy sobriety.' Who, what class of people, make these objections and urge these accusations? They who read God's Word? they who compare spiritual things with spiritual? they who are conscientiously diligent to ascertain and separate the teachings of God and the teachings of men? they who are acquainted with the past history, present standing, and real condition of the church? they who would delight to know the whole truth in order to conform themselves to its sacred requirements? *No*; most emphatically, no. It is the deep-toned complaint of partizans themselves. It is the alarming remonstrance of luxury-loving hirelings. It is the loud wail of avaricious and unrighteous ministers. It is the watch-word warning of the descendants of old-fashioned Romanism against the simplicity and liberty-giving power of sacred truth. It is the cowardly imputations of faithless, truthless, graceless sectaries, whose pride, pomf, and party power prevent the perception of any other glory than the glory of selfish aggrandizement.

Exclusive! dividers! boasters! Is this our character from our spiritual judges who have fenced themselves round with creeds and disciplinary safeguards to make an effectual separation between themselves and the profane? And shall we be taunted with boasting and vain-glory by those who are too righteous to sit with us on the same seat, worship under the same roof, or even speak of our heresy to our face? Is this the language of men who say, 'judge not that ye be not judged', and yet pronounce sentence upon us before we have a hearing? From the tender mercy of all such mercy may the Lord soon deliver his church and people.

Who, then, are heretics? A reformation is needed; we have lifted our voices and joined our hands to effect it. The scriptures are disregarded and their glory veiled; we advocate bringing them forward in their original power, that they may without fetters speak the counsels of the Lord. The ministerial office has been abused and insulted by lordly aspirers; we are desirous of exposing this corruption, dishonour, and profanity. Fabrics, called churches, have been reared upon human foundations; we pledge ourselves to show the supreme poverty and final ruin of all such expedients. The union of Christ's body, so necessary to the glory of Christianity has been misunderstood and violated; and we are deeply desirous of restoring the primitive unity of all the people of God by the powerful and eternal bonds of truth and love. Is this heresy? Then we will carry our heresy to heaven. We will find Moses there, and the great heretic Elijah who vexed Ahab and Baal's prophets, and afterwards went to the seats of