

matized Communities ; often to the great scandal of " THAT WORTHY NAME !" by which we are called. If it could be believed, by those immediately concerned ; this is the great secret of *Dissent* ; in numerous instances : and it is an evil, which, on many accounts, it is amply worth the while of a Government, to endeavour to prevent.

The Wesleyan Methodists, have long enjoyed the most friendly relations, with not a few estimable and respectable members of the Church of England ; both in Upper and Lower Canada. Yet, alas, truth obliges us to record, that some of that Communion, have manifested the most heartless and shameless animosity towards us, as a Christian Body ; and though we were long their predecessors in this Country, yet have they, not unseldom, and by the most dishonourable means, endeavoured to destroy our influence, and to injure our usefulness, among the Colonists. Such persons must not be surprised, as our people proceed to surmount the various unfair impediments, thrown in their way, ( as, by God's blessing, they are sure to do, ) should they embrace the first means which may be presented them, of most effectually preventing the entailment of similar disadvantages ; on " the generation following." Nor would the holiest angel of Paradise, withhold his approving smile from their laudable endeavour, provided they did not transgress, even in their most decided measures of amelioration, the loving spirit of the Gospel of the Redeemer.

But I most truly respond, and with all my heart, in the most exact unison, with the Christian wish, recently expressed by His EXCELLENCY SIR GEORGE ARTHUR ; that, in future, both parties may unvariably cultivate kindly regards towards one another, and shall be happy to find some person of ecclesiastical influence, in the Church of England in Canada, stepping forward, and re-echoing the wish of that excellent Governor, on the subject. For my own brethren, I think, I can safely answer. All who may be disposed to reciprocate, with them, in the feelings and good offices of a Christian friendship ; will most assuredly find, the Wesleyan Methodists, on their part, disposed not to be outdone, in that respect, by their brethren of any other Church. They revere the council of our immortal Founder : "*Be the friends of all—the enemies of none.*"

Such a recognition, on the part of Government, of other Churches, besides its own ; as is involved in the plan herein proposed ; might, and would exercise a very genial influence, on the Christian Community, at large. But the great and sufficient remedy for this lamented state of things ; as I humbly conceive ; will be found, in the general and mutual cultivation, by all parties, of a candid, catholic, and Christian temper ; rather than in the surrender of the venerated and Scriptural principle, of a particular Church, adopted by the State ; and duly and properly administered ; as its own special instrumentality, for the moral and religious benefit of those, who may be the most susceptible of good impressions, from that peculiar mode of ecclesiastical operation.

These observations are respectfully made, with the most kindly bearing, towards those worthy persons, who may, after all, take a different view of the subject from myself. And, at the same time, I am ready to concede :—*First* ; that, in the present enlightened age, any Church, claiming to be herself, the only True Church of Christ, would be unfit for adoption as a Government Church :—*Secondly* ; that the Legislative Enactment, of any such Ecclesiastical Adoption, should contain a specific Clause, most explicitly disavowing, on the part of such Church, any pretensions, of a nature so ungracious and ungrounded :—*And*, to maintain a just abhorrence of persecution, for conscience sake ; it should *Thirdly*, be further enacted ; that if any Minister, or other officer of the Government-Church, shall at any time, commit such an offence ; by word or deed ; or not use his utmost influence to prevent such offence ; on the part of any other member or members of his said Church : Then ; on proof of the same, before any Committee of the House of Assembly, duly appointed for the investigation of the matter ; that such Minister, or other officer, shall be immediately dismissed from his ministerial or other office ; and further be rendered incapable, ever after, of any kind of employment, under Government, in this Province.

In the minds of some, there may exist objections, against the amenability of ecclesiastical officers, to the tribunal of a Parliamentary Committee. It may not have occurred to them, that the very principle of *Parliamentary sanction*, involves, also,