

LECTURE FIRST.

WHAT IS PUSEYISM ?

But I fear lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.—2 Cor. c. xi 30r.

There are few, if any, forms of error, but what have their counterpart in the earliest ages of our holy religion, and for which an effectual antidote may not be found in the Word of God. The great apparent diversity of deadly doctrines and practices which so bewilder the superficial enquirer, resolve themselves into a few simple principles, to the mind of the close-thinking man ; all false doctrine has its origin with "the father of lies"--all affinity with such a fountain, must be evil in its nature and tendency--the tree is known by its fruit--the course of the deepest stream is revealed by movements on its surface ; so the deep enmity of the fallen heart, and its close alliance with the great spirit of evil, are every where visible in the counter currents, within and around us, which lead men away from the serene, simple, sublime and saving doctrines of God our Saviour ; and by appealing to the mere feelings through the eye and ear, "beguile" men into the "subtle" meshes of the net of antiquity, venerable establishments, ecclesiastical and traditional authority and doctrine. But to us there is in religion *one* King, Priest, Sacrifice, Fountain of Salvation, Law Court of Appeal, and *but one*, Jesus Christ--and the "glorious Gospel of the blessed God."

Alarmed by the bold, or insidious inroads of false teachers and bad doctrines, the Apostle of the Corinthians lifts up his voice in plain, affectionate warning, and extends his safe hand to conduct the wanderers back again to the knowledge and enjoyment of