

Indeed, I have often heard it said, that it is wrong to allow all the power to one Society, and that the reason why we are anxious to speak against sects, is for fear of losing any of our ground. But I would beg of such persons to consider, that they might just as well have spoken to the Apostles in the same manner. You might just as well find fault with St. Paul, who spoke so much and so severely against all kinds of dissent. He never, nor any other Apostle, organized more than one Church. Was it, then, with the view of drawing all to himself, or of having all the power in his own hands? Or was it not rather because he was appointed by God, and he had received all the necessary instructions concerning these matters? Was it not, rather, because he was told by the Holy Spirit, that as there is but "one Lord, one faith, and one baptism," so there should be but one Church? But very little thought and sound reasoning on this subject, Brethren, will satisfy you.

There is, however, another objection which could be brought forward by ignorant persons. It might be asked—"how will you prove that the Church of England is a branch of the true Catholic Church?" To this I would answer with confidence, (and the most learned and best men among dissenters themselves, have often confessed it,) that our doctrines are those of the Bible, and that our Liturgy may be considered as the best volume amongst uninspired books. And if we add to this the powerful testimony of the best tradition and history, shewing that the Church was first planted in Great Britain by St. Paul, or some of his immediate

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