

that name, till at length the whole body became infected and foul, bearing only *gall and wormwood*.

But this evil did not come to its height till the Roman power, which hindered the revelation of the "Man of Sin" in the days of the Apostles, was taken out of the way. Those who were determined to yield obedience to the laws of Christ, had still power to separate themselves from these corrupt communications, and to organize themselves after the model of the primitive congregations; but as many as had recourse to this expedient infallibly found that "all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." They were stigmatized as schismatics and heretics by the corrupt teachers, who, by every secession of this kind, lost a portion of their gains; and their bitterest enemies were those who, calling themselves Christians, ought to have "joyed in beholding their order, and the steadfastness of their faith in Christ," Col. ii. 5.

The *orthodox* never failed to circulate calumnious writings against all who dared to dissent from their unscriptural doctrines and practices. These attacks sometimes produced replies; and, as often as they did, the strongest, not in argument, but in power and influence, were sure to gain the victory. In the first ages, these controversies were chiefly carried on in Greek, a language admitting of an almost infinite number of derivatives and compounds, expressing shades of difference of signification of which no other language is susceptible. The smallest slip or inaccuracy in the choice of an expression was an error in the faith, and in process of time a *heresy* (when that word acquired its ecclesiastical signification,) and any attempt to explain only exposed the individual to the danger of erring still more damably. If the dissenter, however, had, on any occasion, the better of the argument, his defeat was not the less certain on that account. Corruption had now become so general, that those who fattened by it, with unblushing effrontery, supported each other in overwhelming every person who dared to attack one of their *sacred order*.

#### WESTERN RESERVE ELECT INSTITUTE.

The second annual Catalogue of this institution is before us—the gift of a friend who is now in attendance. It affords us pleasure to learn that the Catalogue records the names of *over four hundred* male and female pupils for the year, ending Nov. 12th. This speaks volumes for the Academy. We notice that some ten or twelve are from Canada West.

A. S. Hayden is still Principal, which is saying enough as a guarantee for the character of the School. The following paragraph will show the object and principles of the founders of this institution:—  
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All learning is useless without real goodness of heart. Knowledge is power; but it is powerful only for evil, unless it is controlled by moral principle, and employed for the welfare of the human race. So depose all witnesses competent to bear testimony in this case. It becomes then, a question of immense importance, how shall moral