

indirectly under a "foreign ecclesiastical controul;" that the "itinerant preachers" by no means "engross all the power of either making or administering the laws;" that our *Episcopacy* originated with *Mr. Wesley*; that our *Episcopacy* is the same now as when he created it; that it has been eminently useful in promoting the interests of the Church and Religion in America; that it is considered pure and scriptural by the most learned, pious, and experienced Methodist Ministers in England, and that we now, as a Church, stand on the very same foundation as we stood upon in the days of the great and excellent *Mr. Wesley*.

While your Committee would cherish feelings of the warmest affection towards those who may widely differ from us in many ecclesiastical regulations—while they would at all times encourage the most friendly reciprocal relations towards every Christian denomination—while they would do good to, and pray for, their enemies—they cannot but deprecate, in the strongest terms, that aspiring spirit of faction which frequently makes its appeals to the worst feelings of our nature, and seeks the favor of the most despicable characters; which makes public interest a pretext to gratify private hatred, and to promote selfish purposes; which is alike prodigal of the good names of departed saints, the characters of living christians, and the peace of religious communities; which, under a pretended attachment to early institutions, aims at nothing but its own aggrandizement; which lives in animosity, feeds upon strife, and fattens upon contention.

On the other hand Your Committee congratulate every friend to christianity upon the peace and harmony that generally reign throughout our church. So far from the "primitive simplicity of Methodism being destroyed" we rejoice to recognize all its distinguishing features and almighty energy, in the union which cements our ministry and membership; in the steady advances our Zion is making in this Province; in the revivals of religion that are progressing in many places; in the Sunday Schools that are springing up in almost every neighbourhood; in our Missionary Societies which are yearly increasing the treasures of the Lord; in the marvellous and blessed victories

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