

The history of the Brethren to the present has been "war to the knife" between the elected Saints of God.

Holding such views on the general subject of the church, it is only natural to suppose that the views of the Brethren, with reference to all Christian bodies, would not be of a very liberal nature, and we are, therefore, not surprised to learn "*that the established Church of England is an apostacy(a), that it has no just claim to be considered a church of God (b), and that Dissenters have marshalled themselves in the ranks of the Infidel and the Socinian, and are grasping at all the power and privilege that the world can give them.*" (c) These are very plain words, one would hope that some of the gentler minds among the Brethren would shrink back from endorsing them. But here they are in black and white, and no doubt, I think, can remain as to what the leading minds of this body believe us to be. It matters little that for long and many a year you may have enjoyed true spiritual life in the Church of England, the higher your spiritual blessings the greater your apostacy. It matters little either how others may have lived happily in other churches; at best they are but "*props of Infidelity*" "*and supports of Socinianism.*" Hence arises the call "to come out" from all christian denominations. Hence the solemn warnings against all ministers and pastors. Hence the narrow-mindedness, so unlike Christ, and so detrimental

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(a) Separation from Apostacy, page 27.

(b) The Church of the Scriptures, page 1.

(c) Present Prospects, page 10.