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that the church of Antioch was the model of the church of England, and just *such* an established church. But, on consulting the passage in Mr. H.'s translation, I am not a little surprised, that the conclusion *could* be made from any thing there suggested. Ουσην certainly means something more than that there merely *was* a church at Antioch: It is not, I apprehend, an expletive; but conveys the idea, which all the context warrants, of a completely formed and flourishing church, perfectly established, and furnished with able and excellent ministers. I am afraid many confine the word *established*, to the dignities and emoluments, which are so proudly possessed, and vaunted by some, and as enviously regarded by others. A good man, a spiritual-minded man, I am sure, has very different ideas of a church establishment. I wish the established church, among all denominations of Christians, was more like the church of Antioch; furnished with such prophets and teachers as Barnabas, Simeon, Lucius, Manaen, and Saul; call them bishops, or presbyters, prophets, or teachers, I care not, if they are men employed in the same liturgical services, (λειτουργουντων) and, in fasting and prayer, maintaining blessed communication with the Holy Ghost, and sent out with his divine influence attending their word, for the conversion of men's souls---That is the church to which I desire to belong, and wish to see established in the earth; and as to any other, let bigots go on to contend for the elephant's and monkey's tooth, for the Shiboleth of diocesan episcopacy, presbytery, or independency: After all, their disputes, I am afraid they will continue as far from that church which Christ has established, consisting of "righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost," as a living man from a putrid corpse.

CANDIDUS.

LETTER

To Joseph Hardcastle, Esq. Treasurer to the Missionary Society.

SIR,

IT is with great pleasure I transmit to you eighty-three pounds one shilling and seven-pence, the sum which my people have subscribed to encourage and support a Mission to the Heathen. No event in life has given me more real pleasure than the glorious attempt now making to send the Gospel amongst those who have long sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.

death. May God crown the attempt with his special blessing! It is now more than eleven years since a monthly meeting was established in this place, (and which has been regularly attended) to pray for a more general spread of the Gospel, and that the Lord would visit the Heathen world with this invaluable bessing. I cannot but think that the formation of the Society is, in part, an answer to our prayers; and my people have far exceeded my expectation in their liberality; and some of them have gone almost beyond their ability in this matter. I did not mention annual subscriptions: However, I doubt not but several will become yearly subscribers. I beg my name may be inserted for one guinea per annum. The boarding school children in this town, under my care and Mr. Fox's, were so impressed with the sermon preached by Mr. Burder, of Coventry, that, of their own accord, without a syllable being said on the subject, they subscribed one pound nine shillings and sixpence of their weekly pence. It was thought proper to mention this circumstance, to encourage a similar temper in other places. A line, informing me of the reception of this letter, will greatly oblige your friend and humble servant,

Market Harborough. GEORGE GILL.

ANECDOTES.

Singular Conversion.

EVENTS of the last importance often arise from causes apparently insignificant. The links of the chain of Providence are wonderfully connected: An infidel ridicules---a believer admires and adores.

The following is a story that can be authenticated by the evidence of many who have heard it from the person who is the subject of it, but now gone safe to God and glory.

When the Rev. Mr. ——— went to his living in the country, a very great audience collected from the neighbouring towns and villages; in one of which lived an old innkeeper, who, having made free with his own tap, had well carbuncled his nose and face, which bore the visible marks of his profession. He had heard the report of the concourse at this church, as many went from his own town, but he always stoutly swore he would never be found among the fools who were running to turn Methodists: Indeed