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**W**E hasten to notice the above pamphlets, foreseeing that they are only the prelude to more, and hoping that by the timely statement of a few plain and charitable principles, we may prevent the mischiefs which will otherwise ensue. Were not this our object,—were not the promotion of Christian good most important to the community, and most dear to our own hearts, we might well wave all discussion of the matter in dispute. Some literary merit might reasonably be expected in any publication which draws the attention of a literary journal. Of such merit, however, the present question has little, or nothing, to boast; and we have to complain, that by far the largest part of the argument is conducted in a style utterly remote from the humblest claims of composition.

Of the persons principally engaged in this controversy, it may be proper to give our readers some account, before we state the nature of the controversy itself.

It is impossible to mention Dr. Wordsworth without the most genuine feelings of respect and esteem. The part which he formerly took in the dispute occasioned by the system of Mr. Granville Sharp concerning the uses of the definitive article in the Greek text of the New Testament, entitles him to the decided praise of ability and learning. The evidence, brief, but conclusive, which he adduced from the Christian writers of the early ages in support of Mr. Sharp's interpretation, was employed with the highest skill and effect. Some of his opponents in the present question have attempted indeed to speak of him with levity. They only betray that want of truth and candour to which controversy is apt to lead every mind not possessed of the very best principles. His character is

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