yet live together as members of the ſame Body, with mutual affection.

But the diviſions which endanger Societies, are ſuch as theſe. When we do not all of us deſign the good of the whole: or when we diſagree about the neceſſary means of promoteing the publick welfare: and when from either of theſe cauſes we become alienated in our affections towards each other. If ſome of the Society propoſe the publick welfare, as their great and principal deſign: and others have no juſt regard to it. If thoſe who honeſtly deſign the publick good as their chief end, yet do widely differ in their apprehenſions about the neceſſary means of promoteing it. And if from both or either of theſe cauſes, they become jealous the one of the other, if they fall into animoſity, variance and hatred upon theſe grounds, then is the union of the Society upon the borders of diſſolution, and the Society it ſelf in imminent danger of ruine.

III. But this leads to the next enquiry I propoſed, *viz.* whence theſe dangerous diviſions are wont to ariſe; which is an enquiry of the utmoſt conſequence. For if once we