we can find out the ſources of ſuch diviſi-
ons, we ſhall at the ſame time diſcern the
true cauſes of a Society's ruine, and conſe-
quently be admoniſh'd how we may beſt
provide againſt it.

The Queſtion therefore is, Whence
come thoſe diviſions amongſt the members
of a Society, whoſe intereſt it is to be all
cloſely united, which always endanger, and
very often effect the ruine of the Society?

To this I reply. The main ground is
in men themſelves, from the corruption of
their nature. Beſides which, the Devil,
the great enemy of the peace and welfare
of mankind, excites thoſe whom he is able
to influence, to diſturb the quiet, and to
break the peace of humane Society, blind-
ing and infatuateing others to be ſeduced
by them. And laſtly, almighty God, the
wiſe and juſt Governour of the world, per-
mits this to come to paſs, as a juſt puniſh-
ment on men for their other offences com-
mitted againſt him.

This proceeds from the corruption of 1.
men themſelves, from their various luſts
and paſſions which rule within them.
Whence come wars and fightings among you?
ſaith