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SHORT AND SCRIPTURAL METHOD

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Part First.

CHAPTER I.

PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS.

"PROVE all things: hold fast that which is good;" 1. Thes. v: 21. "Let every one be fully persuaded in his own mind"; Rom. xiv. 5: "Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be ye men"; 1. Cor. xiv: 20. "Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him that eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him. Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand"; Rom. xiv: 3, 4. These are among the salutary monitions which were elicited from the Apostle Paul by certain diversities in opinion and conduct, among those whom he recognized as 'brethren, dearly beloved,' in his own day: and no one who entertains correspondent views of the spiritual character of Christianity, will hesitate for a moment to admit their application to all those peculiarities of religious sentiment, not involving the essential principles of the gospel, which distinguish the different classes of Christians at the present period. An obedient regard both to their letter and spirit is no less obligatory upon us than it was upon those to whom they were originally addressed. What then do those apostolic injunctions