

few in number, have met in the private chamber, and in the school-house; yes, and in the grove, with a stump for a pulpit, and the trunk and branches of a tree for seats, where our unlettered farmers and mechanics have preached to us the word of life, and have made sectarianism quail before them, and infidelity to turn pale and lay down its weapons at the foot of the cross—when I think that the mouths of gainsayers have been stopped, and in spite of their Sanballads and Tobias, we have built meeting-houses, and colleges, and seminaries of learning, and the old Jerusalem gospel gained a foothold that has astonished the world, and led it to court our favor, and the learned man with his creed to come and ask our advice: I say when I consider these facts, shall I give up in despair, and say that the gospel has lost its power? And when we look at the good accomplished, shall we now cry out that this Reformation is all wrong? No. We began in the right place and with the right armor, and with the right weapon, “the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God.” But there is a little too much of that spirit which once troubled Israel—a desire to be like the nations around us, that we may have a popular standing in the world, and reach out and shake hands with those in high stations.

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CHAPTER V.

A meeting of the preachers in the town of *Unity*, May 27th, to discuss the subject of Christian Union. Present, a Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Episcopalian, and a Christian. Prayer by brother M. Brother E. in the chair, and brother L. secretary.

Pres. I have felt a strong determination to bring my church to an acknowledgement of the injustice of their course in depriving me of my support. I yet feel that it ought to be done, but how to do it is the matter.

Meth. Yes, sir, how to do it, is the matter! I have thought the same, but I find that my church is in good solid earnest. I find, too, that they can do as well without my preaching as I can do without their support.

Lu. I am not prepared to admit that I am driven into measures by the withdrawal of my stipend.