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## THE PLYMOUTH BRETHERN.

It is now about forty years since the community known as the "Brethren," or, as they are generally called, the Plymouth Brethren, was originated. This community has made considerable progress in Great Britain and Ireland, and on this side of the Atlantic. Among its members are persons of high social position, of deep religious feeling, and of excellent character. They recognize the Word of God as the sole rule of faith, and hold fast by the doctrines of the atonement, election, the perseverance of the saints, and the assurance of salvation. In common with some evangelical christians they give great prominence to the doctrine of the premillennial advent of Christ. They have no formal creed, and indeed reject the use of all human creeds. They hold, however, certain peculiar views, which, with considerable uniformity, are set forth in their numerous tracts. Pre-eminent among their leaders and authors stands the name of Mr. John N. Darby, at one time a barrister, then a clergyman of the Church of England, and afterwards an independent evangelist. We have examined a number of his publications, and those also of other "Brethren," and propose to present a brief summary of their peculiar views. These we cannot but regard as tending to demoralize the community and to disorganize the church. Such effects they will naturally produce, unless modified by habits of thought acquired by the Brethren themselves outside of their community, or checked through the teachings and influence of other denominations.

One leading peculiarity of the "Brethren" is that *they refuse to acknowledge any other denomination as a part of the Church of Christ.* Not only do