

2nd. To open up, declare, and enforce the simple facts, precepts, and claims of the gospel.

3d. To show the simplicity, harmony, and efficiency of all the ordinances of the *New Institution*.

4th. To disentangle the Apostolic doctrine and practice, from all the *isms* born either in orthodoxy or heterodoxy, whether ancient or modern.

5th. To contrast some of the popular "Churches" with the churches of the New Testament—in other words,—to offer some strictures upon modern religious organizations in vindication of that institution built upon the foundation of Jesus Christ, his Apostles, and Prophets.

6th. To exhort, encourage, and strengthen the Lord's people in the faith, love, and good hope of the gospel of the grace of God.

7th. To exhibit the superiority and excellency of christianity over every other system of pretended religion ever devised.

8th. To give such intimation and statistics concerning the condition of different countries, as may be calculated to arouse christian professors to greater activity, in the discharge of their duty for the world's conversion.

9th. To report our brethren's labours in the proclamation of the "glad tidings," both in our own country and in countries remote.

10th. In brief—whatever may instruct the saint and convert the sinner,—whatever may tend to perfect the believer and regenerate the unbeliever—whatever may strengthen the weak, confirm the wavering, encourage the strong, enlighten the ignorant, ennoble the degraded, and unburden the oppressed,—these shall be our subjects, these our themes. Glory, honor, immortality; the christian crown and the white robes of the conqueror; the pleasures of purity and the riches of righteousness; the dignity, excellence, and moral beauty of man reflected in the mirror of christianity; the station and exaltation of redeemed man; the greatness and fulness of the love of God—are topics on which the WITNESS OF TRUTH shall delight to dwell. And while directing the eye of professors to the standard of Divine perfection, and lifting their hopes to the Celestial blessedness which awaits them, we shall also remember that tens of thousands are yet unacquainted with the grace of God which brings salvation,—who never acknowledged his unspeakable gift, Jesus the Redeemer—and are spiritually unborn, unregenerated, and unblest.

So far the prospectus. Concerning the lawfulness and usefulness of these designs, we offer no commentary. If they are lawful and useful, and if there be ability in a medium degree to accomplish them, then our efforts are properly directed, and our labours at once both reasonable and righteous. Few, if any, even of