

will be found often to arise from not thoroughly understanding the principles of the Gospel ; let these be well understood, and those storms would never arise which often darken the prospects of Zion, and shut out the cheering rays of the Sun of Righteousness. Personal feelings would not then occupy the place that at present it is too often permitted to hold ; but following the example of Him who pleased not himself, Christians would strive to please one another for their edification. They would earnestly endeavour to walk by the same rule, and mind the same things, striving together to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Things of minor importance would never be allowed to occasion turmoil, because each would be able to view things according to their relative importance, and act accordingly. Then would be fulfilled the promise of the King of Zion : " I will make thy officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness. Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders, but thou shalt call thy walls salvation, and thy gates praise."

Finally, let us go forth in the spirit of Him who, looking upon difficulties which would have appalled others, could say, " None of these things move me," and success is certain. From our enemies we have nothing to fear ; let them be convinced that we are acting from a sordid motive, and that we are never to be diverted from our purpose till we obtain the object we have in view, and one shall be able to chase a thousand, and two to slay ten thousand to flight. We must keep constantly before us, that dereliction of principle, or any vacillation of purpose, will most materially injure our cause, there be no division in Reuben ; but, by strengthening the bonds of Christian union, carrying out fully the principles of primitive Christianity, and occupying the places of the field, we shall be enabled to look forth in the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners. From the aspect of the future, be assured, my beloved brethren, that the time is not distant when we shall joyfully hail the dawn of a bright day ; for " the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the Lord binds up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of his wound."