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THE BAPTIST VIEW.

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IN taking this part in the discussion of this great question I can speak only for myself, yet I think I understand the views of my brethren concerning it well enough not to misrepresent them.

I. Baptists believe in Christian Unity.

This might be expected, and go without saying from their fundamental principle, viz: That the Bible strictly interpreted is the only Standard of Christian doctrine and duty. For nothing is more clearly revealed in the Bible than the wish and will of our Saviour, the great Head of the Church, that all His disciples to the end of the world should be one. (John. 17: 21-23.) Put as the Baptists occupy a somewhat peculiar position in the Christian world and are often misunderstood, it may be well at the outset to affirm their sympathy with their brethren of other evangelical churches on this point. They believe in Christian Unity. They long as earnestly as others to see our Lord's prayer for this great object fully answered. They see the evils of sectarianism and deplore them, and they do not maintain a separate ecclesiastical existence (and an existence which often exposes them to misrepresentation and reproach), because they like to differ and walk apart from their brethren, but because they believe that loyalty to Jesus Christ requires it. And if ever the time shall