

rally assumed, not only a religious, but, in some degree, a denominational character; so that while we have by no means overlooked or neglected intercourse with other parties, the reader of the following pages is requested to keep in view this more definite purpose of our visit.

Aware of human infirmities, we will not presume to have entirely escaped the warping influence of prejudice; but if our report is necessarily denominational, we trust it is not offensively sectarian. Precluded by our plan from minute references to others, we have, nevertheless, the highest satisfaction in recording the general prosperity of the whole christian body of America. The Spirit has been evidently poured down from on high upon all, and we fervently pray that it may descend in perpetual and still more copious effusions.

We dare aver that in every statement, truth has been our anxious aim; whether we have been successful or not, let the public and the critics judge, apart from personal, political, or polemical bias.