

object of the Society's formation is not yet fully understood or appreciated. While they can only look to the amount contributed to the funds, as a test of the numbers that form the Society, and of the interest they feel in it, the Committee feel it necessary to endeavour to impress the truth, that the great object is not the largeness of the amount, but the union of those who belong to the same branch of Christ's holy Church in a bond of fellowship and love. The present times seem to call upon churchmen for union and mutual good will. They seem to demand it of them, that they should come forward and bind themselves together, not in hostility to other denominations, but in love for one another. And the Committee feel assured that so far from such a union tending to contract the sphere of christian charity, the more the members of the church are enlightened with regard to her doctrines, the more they are attached to her communion, the more they imbibe her spirit, so much the more truly will their hearts expand with love to all them that love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity, so much the more will they manifest towards them that are without the pale of their own communion, that heavenly wisdom in their walk, which is pure, peaceable, gentle, and full of good fruits.

Again then would they urge upon all the members of the Church to do what in them lies for the promotion of such a spirit of mutual charity, of such a union of mind and act in the cause of Christ and of His Church. And they would pray that the Lord would shed abroad abundantly upon their fellow-christians, their brethren in the same family of Christ, the dew of His blessing, and enable them for His glory and their own truest happiness, to maintain the Unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.