

"fountain of the New Testament, should run from beginning to end; uncontaminated with error, undisturbed with human systems, clear as crystal, like the river of life. There should be nothing in them of the Shibboleth of a Sect; nothing of the accrimony of contending parties, against those that differ from them; but that unity of principle, whereby all, who are looking for the mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ, unto eternal life, can unite with pleasure, as in one great common cause. Nor should any wordly scheme be interwoven with the truth, nor attempted to be concealed under its folds. There should not be seen the slightest vestige of any carnal end in any form or for any purpose, however laudible some may think it, nothing but divine truth, unmingled, unadulterated, pure as it came from heaven, and fit for the whole human race to imbibe." In these great principles every Christian will agree—by whatever distinctive name we may be called; we are free to unite our efforts in disseminating those essential fundamental truths of our common faith, in which we are all agreed,—and in this department of Christian enterprise we may forget the minuter differences of sect and party, muster under the same banner, and go forth to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

Your Committee humbly conceive that the dissemination of religious truth by tracts is peculiarly adapted to the circumstances of this province. It is not to be expected that the regular ministration of divine ordinances can be often enjoyed amidst its thinly scattered population. Without going beyond the boundaries of our own district, it is too evident, that there are many places, where when the Sabbath day comes, there is not the stated ordinances of the sanctuary to which the people can repair, to cherish the fervour of holy sentiment, and where there are but few books to preserve the knowledge of sacred truth. In such circumstances, these "silent preachers" might be the means for a time, of supplying in some small degree this deficiency, of preserving a desire for divine things, which might otherwise become extinct, and of promoting union among

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