

INTRODUCTION

THE present publication has originated in the thought that it is perfectly legitimate and proper for any church or body of Christians to make a public statement, from time to time, of what its members believe, and why they believe it. Such a course may be productive of much good, in enabling us better to understand each other's position. It may save us from false and uncharitable views, and from unintentionally misrepresenting one another.

Another reason which has led to its preparation is the fact that much ignorance concerning our doctrines and principles is frequently manifested. We are sometimes misrepresented, and doctrines are attributed to us which no true and enlightened Baptist ever held. Although our principles are plain and simple, many do not know what we believe.