

as well as their own spiritual well-being as Christians, could only be maintained and sustained by carefully cultivating holiness of heart and life. And what is holiness? It is love. Love *supreme* in its aspiration towards God, and equal in its outflow toward man, to the love we bear to ourselves. There is thus fellowship in love, and when love is Christianized and sublimated, it rises and towers in its outgoings and uprisings far above self, and all self-ward interests and considerations, and fixes itself supremely on the infinite Father. Such love, kindled into being by the warm love of the Father, bears the finite human heart up into close and sweet and glorious reciprocal union and fellowship with *the* heart that is the home and abode of infinite love and goodness itself. And thus the Christian man and woman, loving and living in the society of the triune God, will not only "be holy in all manner of conversation," but will also be, in reference to the most exalted and exalting of spiritual privileges and means of bliss, altogether independent of the associations and fellowships of creature organizations and instructions. How important then and appropriate Peter's exhortation to the "strangers scattered," "as he who hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation." And is there nothing for *us* in this Apostolic exhortation? Undoubtedly there is. What more powerful in recommending the gospel in its glorious fulness and unfettered freeness, than a walk and conversation becoming the gospel. If we cannot recommend it, and defend it by the service of our lips, we can and ought by the holy service of our lives. And if as we humbly but fearlessly believe, those views of God's love in the Gospel of his Son for which every Evangelical Unionist has taken his stand, be the very truth of God, and as such adapted to the felt need, and pressing want of every unconverted man and woman on the earth, "what manner of persons ought we to be in all holy conversation." Let us therefore, brethren, be followers of God, as dear children," for "God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness." Besides, and in view of the lack of churches and ministers where fellowships and preaching might be enjoyed in harmony with our aspirations and convictions, what a wide door and effectual is opened up for us in loving union and fellowship with the Father of our spirits. And surely when it is gloriously possible for us, despite the lack of kindred Christian fellowship, and clear consistent gospel preaching, to have access by Jesus unto God, and to be "filled with all the fulness of