

reach. Whether, indeed, he is "out of humanity's reach" we say not. But we have not, and never had, one argument for brother or alien of this mental mould. He who, with all the evidences before him, is blind to the fact that the Spirit which was in apostles incited them to "write" as well as "speak," and is at the same time forgetful of the every-day practical truth that we are indebted to apostles and evangelists' writings for all our correct knowledge of the religion of our Lord, would, we think, need further light on the subject if Moses should come in person and tell his labors in giving the written history of the creation, and of Adam's family down to his own day.

No less than six of the Lord's Apostles and two of his inspired evangelists have given themselves to us and the world by their writings. If this will not serve as a short metre answer to all sceptical queries on this head, we may at least refer the whole chapter of objections to another time, if indeed it will ever be convenient.

But the primary practical question to be decided by every member of the Lord's faithful community, each for himself, is, *Can I do, or is it my duty to do, anything for Messiah's cause by my countenance of and co-operation with religious men who teach through the instrumentality of the periodical press?* And if this query be responded to affirmatively, as it will be in a majority of cases, the next very simple question is, *What paper or papers is it my duty to countenance, sustain, and circulate?*

We know the decision of various strong friends of the cause in reference to both these questions. They have resolved—yes, in good earnest, that they will aid, and be aided by, the Press. They have, too, resolved that the *Christian Banner*, as now equipped, shall receive their hearty and constant countenance. Their works bear them witness that they have so determined. They have not done these things for us but for the Lord. They look for their reward at a time and place where it is sure. These men we love, and they love us, and we all strive together for the truth's sake. Some others have not thus decided. They are halting between two opinions, touched, perhaps, in some instances, with indifference. We would they were cold or hot. Better for us, and no worse for themselves, if they would get very much warmer or become very decidedly colder.

Brethren and reading friends! let us say frankly, and at the same time affectionately, that we are not half-and-half men, and have slender attachment to any who are so. Anything worthy of an effort "as to the Lord," is worthy of a true and whole-hearted one. Long since have we resolved, and by the favor of God we keep our resolution somewhat fresh and hale, to be active, earnestly active, in Christ's kingdom, which is not of this world. Our spirit is not quenched—we trust it is not quenchable. We were never stronger in the Lord than at the present hour. We are not particular what engages us, provided we realize that it is religious duty. To follow duty where it leads, has been, now is, and we trust ever will be, our leading and uncompromising desire.

If pecuniary treasure were our object, we should never set another type nor write another sentence for the *Christian Banner*.—The Philosopher who attempts to set fire to the frozen ocean, and the