

sound. The services of such men would then be sought, and they would be freely *elected* to office and position.

There is something very melancholy in the fact, that religious men attach little or no importance to the moral character of their Representatives. Men that they would not admit into church fellowship,—men that they could not trust in their families, to whom they would not entrust any considerable sum of money—they will and do entrust their rights and privileges as free men,—the question—the sole question is,—*Does he belong to, and support my party !!!*

In connection with the hostility of the political journals, we have to notice opposition as rabid, but more painful from some denominational newspapers. They represent religious communities in point of numbers insignificant in comparison to ours, but owing to their unity in all political questions, and their open and declared partizanship, they exert an influence which their unity alone could give. What is virtuous and duty for them, is sinful and presumptuous on our part; perhaps they assign us a higher state of morals and purity than they lay claim to themselves. A minister of the Wesleyan Church, incapacitated through age, from discharging the regular work of our itinerancy, resigns his position as a superannuated minister, and obtains a seat in Parliament. This, to a Baptist organ, is a crime of deep malignity; but a Baptist minister, of vigorous health, resigns his active labours two years ago, and makes the attempt to obtain a similar position, but fails; yet very little was said condemnatory of his course, at the time. We are far from justifying any minister in seeking a seat in Parliament; by so doing he degrades himself; and in this instance we blush and hang our head. To exert the influence that we have a right to claim we must be more united—to effect unity there must be information and instruction; to effect it and make it useful and available there must be a careful avoidance of party politics and party feuds, and possess it only to advance the interests of our country, on christian, patriotic principles, to promote its morals, and truthfulness, and piety to God, to see that equal justice is meted to all, to oppose monopoly wherever centred, especially in literary and religious affairs; and to advocate economy in conducting our Government. For purposes so desirable we must have a respectable journal, conducted by laymen; independent in position, unallied to faction and above it; not seeking or needing the patronage of any party in power; a *Journal conducted on Christian principles by Christian men, for Christian people.*