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theories. The Church of Christ is divided and the Disciples are a society of brethren, seeking to find the paths of peace, whereby the divided Church may be united, and we desire to be brethren to all who are brethren in Christ, irrespective of creeds or denominational names. We believe that we have made a definite contribution to the peace of Christendom, but we do not believe that we know it all. We have not stopped our search, but using what has been found Scriptural and reasonable, and against which the world's best scholarship and piety have made no dissent, we are still pursuing our task. We have, however, no schemes to work. We have no wares to sell. We have no claims to any copyright of the truth, nor are we seeking denominational prestige, nor asking appreciation of any one for whatever service we have rendered.

If this movement is of God, He will not forget us ; if it is not of Him, we desire it to be forgotten ; but, believing that it is of the Lord, we are students of the problem of Christian union above all other issues in the Church—not every Disciple, but thousands of us are students—not infallible students, but students like the rest of mankind, and we frankly give the results of this research to the Church at large, as Copernicus gave the results of his discovery to the scientists of his day and Columbus, as the results of his