

"What powerful reasoning!" in short, "What a charming man and preacher he is!" Thus the man is loved, praised, and followed, instead of his Divine Master. Oh! how some of these smart men, swollen by the breath of human flattery, will shrivel up before the judgment seat. Feeble churches, can you afford to have a smart man?—*American Paper.*

LETTERS ON CHRISTIAN UNION.

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TO THOSE WHO TOOK PART IN THE SYRACUSE UNION CONVENTION IN GENERAL, AND TO MESSRS. SMITH, WHEATON, AND SNOW IN PARTICULAR:—

ESTEEMED SIRS:—Union, as an element and means of power, for good or for evil, stands in the foremost place in the advance rank of instrumentalities; and here is the secret of our love of Christian union, and of our aversion to the union of sectary parties and partially converted men. A union upon truth gives force to truth; a union upon error augments and imparts power to that error. Therefore unity among men who receive the gospel with all its love, humility, spirituality, and divine favour, is to be prized as the wisdom of God attended with the blessing of heaven; and unity among men who are fond of systems different from one another,—all of which to a greater or less extent foster pride, human glory, and unsanctified teaching,—is a species of unity greatly to be feared and most earnestly discountenanced.

In my last it was attempted to be shown, that division is not a primary but a secondary evil—an effect growing out of another and greater evil,—the direct and real cause of which is to be found, not in man's love of division for its own sake, but in authority artfully and plausibly substituted by human skill for the authority of God. That scheme called the gospel,—not the gospel of any man or sect, but the gospel that was originally heralded by the divinely chosen Twelve,—contains the authority of the Lord for uniting in happy harmony the subjects who are taught by it the way of life. Hence, as before hinted, instead of plans of union being necessary, all that we require is to learn and submit to the gospel as the Lord's gracious instrumentality to save, unite, and glorify the family of man. Plans for healing divisions, and devices for bringing together in one body the subdivided ranks of Christian professors, may appear very enticing to the wise and prudent, and may be altogether flattering to man's love of applause; but that every effort of this character must prove utterly