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Before the close of the meeting of Synod in 1841, it was thought proper to appoint a Committee to prepare and circulate, as soon as possible, a plain account of the true nature of this controversy, and of the conclusion to which it had come, that the people might not be mis-led by vague rumours, but be able to understand the merits of the cause, and be satisfied as to the orthodoxy of the Church with which they were connected. The result of this appointment was the publication of a pamphlet entitled, "A Statement of Principles held by the United Associate Synod in reference to certain points of Doctrine, brought into discussion at their meeting in June, 1841." From this document we shall quote a short outline which may still be of service to some who have heard of the controversy, but have never properly understood it.

"It is gratifying to have to notice, that the matters charged do not directly affect the following fundamental doctrines of our holy religion. The authority and inspiration of the sacred volume,—the co-equal divinity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,—the fallen and lost condition of man by nature,—the origin of salvation, in the infinite love, the free and sovereign mercy of Jehovah,—the personal, unconditional, and immutable election of a definite number of our race to eternal life,—the nature of the atonement effected by the Son of God, as consisting in the sufferings he endured, and the obedience he rendered, his obedience unto death, even the death of the Cross,—the nature of the benefits flowing from the favour of God through the mediation of his Son,—the necessity of the influences of the Holy Spirit to renew and sanctify the human soul,—and the method of interest in the atonement and salvation of the