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Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God.—*Peter*. On this Rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it — *The Lord Messiah*.

THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.

“Would to God, that all party names, and unscriptural phrases and forms, which have divided the Christian world, were forgotten: and that we might all agree to sit down together as humble, loving disciples, at the feet of our common Master, to hear his word, to imbibe his spirit, and to transcribe his life in our own.”—*WESLEY'S Preface to Notes on the New Testament*.

This is the true ground on which all the sincere, devout disciples of the Messiah may safely and securely meet. Acting on the above principles, however different their opinions in the outset, in faith and practice they would soon be one. This is the only ground worthy the name of union: any other union deserves every other name than Christian. Christian union is a union of Christians. A consistent disciple will discard every “party name,” “unscriptural phrase,” and unauthorized “form,” for the sake of union and the well-being of his fellow man. He who will contend for party names, phrases and forms, for the sake of a party, proves that he is more attached to a sect than to the cause of Christ. He who will not yield every thing of human device for the sake of Christian union, shews his opposition to the fulfilment of the Divine Redeemer's prayer, that all his disciples might be one.

The inquiry has often been made, why we do not manifest a desire to co-operate with the members of the Evangelical Union of this City and vicinity. The above hints will suggest a reason. Each denomination still adheres to its unscriptural names, phrases and forms, and would rather see the Evangelical union scattered to the four winds, than to relinquish an iota of them. Is this so or not? Let the reader decide for himself.

Ask the Baptist whether he will give up his dear name (“Baptist”), for which he has not one item of authority in the New Testament or in all antiquity—ask him if he will cease to use the terms trinity, co-equal, co-eternal, eternal son, triune God; total depravity, covenant of grace, final perseverance, &c; and in their stead to express the opinions they have on those subjects, confining themselves to the language not of man's wisdom but of the Holy Spirit! Reader, should you ask them to give up those loved phrases, and confine themselves to the pure word of God,