

exhibiting the high standard of christian character as it is established in the Word of God, the *Evangelical Pioneer* will take its place as a humble witness for Christ, and labour to promote the spirituality, enlightenment, unity and efficiency of the churches. The uneasy and unprofitable discussions of the mere polemic will be avoided, but a firm stand will be taken against the doctrinal laxity, and the practical corruptions which exhaust the vigour of the Church and tarnish its lustre.

Thus pledged to maintain the whole truth, and aiming at a revival of Scriptural religion, its columns are consecrated to the glory of God and the good of man. From its advocacy of the truth, all bitterness and wrath and clamour and evil-speaking will be excluded. Its catholic aim does not, however, demand the suppression of principles for which an appeal can be made to "the law and the testimony."—The *Evangelical Pioneer* may, therefore, at once be recognized as a witness for the institutions of Christ, and the organization of his Church, as these have been contented for by Regular Baptists. The Holy Scriptures will be held as the broad basis of union and the only rule of faith and practice to Christians. And it may be added, that while all bitterness will be shunned in the maintenance of these institutions and that organization, they will be held in all respects as the positive appointments of our Lord, which we have no right to modify, and which we dare not compromise.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE will occupy a prominent place in its columns. So far as space admits, its readers will be kept informed of the prospects and progress of Christianity in the world. Special efforts will be made to exhibit the state of religion in the province, and to make the churches acquainted with each other's condition.

This is the language of the prospectus in reference to the religion of the "Pioneer." We all have our tastes and peculiarities respecting the propriety or impropriety of bringing together in the same columns religion, literature, provincial affairs, and commercials; but again we say that the editor has our desires for his prosperity.

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☞ The thought appears unaccountably mysterious, how one who confides and rejoices in the celestial hope and anticipates the glories of new relations through the heavenly Father's love, should so tenaciously adhere to this changing and ever-sorrow-giving habitation of clay.

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☞ The unusual press of various matters while preparing the first articles of this number, and a subsequent absence of two weeks, have occasioned a number of errors in our typography. They are of the minor order, saving in one or two instances. First line of first article, the reader will please read *pointed* for "printed;" and on page 32, line 12, after the word Pickering, read *and Pidon*. Other corrections we shall leave for the critics and speculators.

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