

OUR ASSOCIATION AND ITS WORK, SCRIPTURALLY DEFINED.

O let our light so shine before men that they may see our good works, and glorify our Father which is in heaven. (Matt. v. 16.) This can be done only by strict
BEDIENCE to "the voice of the Lord" (1 Sam. xv. 22; John ii. 5), which tells us to be "wise,
EDEENING the time, because the days are evil." (Eph. v. 16.) We ourselves have been re-
DEEMED, and "now
NE is our Master, even Christ." (Matt. xxiii. 10.) Therefore, having taken His name upon us,
WE should, "as those that
AMIETH the name of Christ, depart from iniquity" (2 Tim. ii. 19). It is also our duty "to do
GOOD" (Heb. xiii. 16) and "as we have received of the Lord Jesus,
NO testify the gospel of the grace of God" (Acts xx. 24), doing so "not
ONLY to the good and gentle, but also to the froward." (1 Pet. ii. 18.) As "true
YOKE-FELLOWS, we help those which labour with us" (Phil. iv. 3), desiring "that there should
BE no schism; but that the members should have the same care
OF one another" (1 Cor. xii. 25), "obeying the truth through the Spirit unto
RECONCILED love of the brethren, loving one another with a pure heart fervently" (1 Peter
I. 22),
NOT "seeking our own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved" (1 Cor. x. 33),
AND
LADLY spending and being spent" for each other. (2 Cor. xii. 15.) We also recognize our
Position "as
MESSENGERS of the churches," showing to the world "and before the churches, the proof of
Our love" (2 Cor. viii. 23, 24), "at all times
RENDEAVOURING to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. iv. 3), "giving
ONE offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God" (1 Cor. x.
32); but
STANDING "fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the Gospel." (Phil. i. 27.) In all our work "the love of
CHRIST constraineth us" (2 Cor. v. 14); thus "loving Him because He first loved us" (1 John
Iv. 19), and realizing that "the
ARVEST truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few" (Matt. ix. 37), "we are therefore united,
AND
EADY to preach the gospel," (Rom. i. 15).
IN response to His command (Mark xvi. 15), and according to his Divine purpose (John xv. 16).
WE at all times
EEK "the peace of the city" (Jer. xxix. 7) wherein we dwell, and unite our efforts to help
Our fellow Young Men,
THAT they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil," (2 Tim. ii. 26), and then, to
LEAD them
IN the way of righteousness, wherein is life; and in the pathway thereof there is no death.
Prov. xii. 28.) We thus labor,
SSURELY gathering that the Lord hath called us for to preach the gospel unto them"
(Acts xvi. 10), and believing that as blood-bought men we should
NO longer henceforth live unto ourselves, but unto him which died for us, and rose again. 2 Cor. v. 15.
AND being chosen by Him as
AMBASSADORS (2 Cor. v. 20) and as "stewards of the manifold grace of God" (1 Pet. iv. 10),
WE
SEEK by "all means to save some" (1 Cor. ix. 22), willing to bear reproach, if needs be; and
KNOWING that "it is required in
STEWARDS, that a man be found faithful" (1 Cor. iv. 2), we aim, not to please men, but to
HAVE as our motto, "Jesus Only." (Matt. xvii. 8.) Therefore we have desired
ONE thing of the Lord, that will we seek after" (Ps. cxvii. 4), that
CHRIST shall be magnified. (Phil. i. 20,) and "that
IN all things he might have the pre-eminence. (Col. i. 18.)
ALWAYS remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said (Acts xx. 35) that we are but
BRANCHES, therefore dependant upon the vine (John xv. 4); and
THAT "without me, ye can do nothing." (John xv. 5.) At the same time rejoicing in His
Precious promise. "Lo,
I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." (Matt. xxviii. 20.) And when success
Attends
JR labours, we acknowledge that while we "have planted and watered, God gave the increase."
(1 Cor. iii. 6), and bringing all to him, we say,
NO unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory. Ps. cxv. 1.

Our Object.

Our Membership.

Our relation to the Churches.

Our Work and Incentives.

Our Desire.

Our Acknowledgment of knowledge and courage.