

professing to attend to the vineyard of others, we should beware of neglecting our own. While endeavouring to spread the knowledge of Christ, let us see that we walk in his Spirit. While calling on others to submit to Jesus, let our own subjection to him in all things be more apparent; and thus we shall hold forth the word of life. We are as a city set upon an hill which cannot be hid; let us dwell in love and unity, and with one mind strive together for the faith of the gospel.

This Report may be read by believers, who, in some respects, are not like minded with us. Brethren, we have nothing to conceal. We cheerfully lay our views and plans before you. We do not regard our differences from other Christians, in judgment and practice, to be unimportant. While, like them, we are convinced of the obligations under which we are laid to make known the glad tidings of salvation, according to our ability, throughout every quarter of the habitable globe, we are at the same time impressed with the importance of attending to the equally explicit precept of our Lord, of teaching men to observe all things whatsoever he hath commanded. We consider it our duty to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints, in all its parts; and are consequently much concerned to walk in the fellowship of the gospel. We account the religion of Jesus to be ONE; connected and harmonious in all its parts. All the laws of the kingdom are published by the same authority, and we dare not disregard the least of them. But although we reckon those who do not follow the apostolical ordinances delivered to the churches, to be acting improperly, and earnestly desire to see them obeying the will of Christ in this respect, we can still acknowledge many such as disciples, and can love them for the truth's sake which dwelleth in them. We know from experience the effects of the prejudices of education, and various other obstructions and stumbling blocks, which prevent men from embracing the apostolical practice respecting the ordinances of Jesus.

If we have begun to act by ourselves in the important work of sending the gospel abroad, it is because we think it more for the glory of God than to connect ourselves with any society where differences of sentiment might excite dissension and cramp exertion. We should be willing to unite our endeavours with any who appear to love the Lord Jesus, so far as we are agreed; but we think, that as we could not attempt to plant, or sanction churches, formed upon any other plan, than that recorded in the New Testament, it is better, in the work of spreading the gospel, to proceed by ourselves. You see, brethren, what we are doing. Our efforts are at present directed to objects which have not hitherto been embraced by missionary societies. All admit the deplorable state of the Continent of Europe respecting religion,