

a few, the idea that the Presbyterian church is exceedingly narrow, and that in her fold a spirit of bigotry is cherished. Now, if such a feeling is entertained in any quarter it is entirely unwarranted, either from our teaching or from our practice. The church is as broad as the truth of God, and as liberal as the grace of God warrants us in making it. The Presbyterian church is faithful to what she believes to be the truth, but always exhibits a spirit of charity and forbearance to those who differ from her. And while she exacts from her officers an acceptance of her doctrines, yet it is a fact that the terms of church fellowship for private members are as free in the Presbyterian church as in any church existing at present on the earth. All she asks of a private member is faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and obedience to Him, and conformity to the rules of the church. What easier terms of communion could be proposed? And while she holds that system of truth, which she believes is committed to her care, she is willing to recognize as brethren all who acknowledge Christ as their only Saviour and Redeemer. We believe there is less bigotry amongst Presbyterians, and more of the charity that sees good in others, than in any other branch of the Christian church. And thus, in a spirit of true catholicity, she is willing to meet with other churches and discuss in the spirit of love any proposals for closer unity between the various branches of the church of God. In her catholicity of spirit she is stretching out her hands to help those in darkness, wherever they may chance to live, or whatever may be their color. And her catholic spirit is seen in her form of government, for her principles are such that they take root and flourish in Palestine and in Formosa equally as well as in Britain or America,

And what is the reason Presbyterians consider these points in their polity strong? It is because they are founded upon a good foundation—the foundation of truth. Truth is strong, and whatever is true is strong and abiding. These principles, founded on the truth have been tried, and their strength have been proved by the experience of two thousand years,—may more, for the principles of Presbyterianism are found even in the Mosiac dispensation. We have such faith in these principles that we look upon them as the meeting ground of the church of the future, embracing all the various branches of the church of Christ. We do not say that all will become exactly conformed to the present type of Presbyterianism, but it will be no doubt, by an embracing of the principles of Presbyterianism, that further union may be expected. Such hope is not mere chimerical, for,