

they choose; for it is better to enter into life having one book, than having many to be cast into hell.

"*Item.* We will, that preachers and people cultivate a spirit of mutual forbearance; pray more, and dispute less, &c.

"*Item.* Finally, we will, that all our *sister bodies* read their Bibles carefully, that they may see their fate there determined, and prepare for death before it is too late.

"*Springfield Presbytery,* } (L. S.)
June 28th, 1804.

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To the above names we add that of William Kinkade, who informs us that he had come to similar conclusions with the above men, previous to becoming acquainted with them.

From these brief outlines, then, it appears, that at about the commencement of this century, men from the Calvinistic Baptists, the Methodists, the Presbyterians, and from the world, without any knowledge of each other, resolved, to take the Scripture, particularly the New Testament, as their only rule of faith and practice, and be known only as Christians.

This was one good step in advance of the then existing denominations. And, under all the disadvantages which they labored, together with the prejudices of education, it is not surprisiug, that, thrown completely loose from all the sects, they should have fallen into some unnecessary and useless spéculations, as well as retained some of their former views of conversion, &c. We here give a summary of their sentiments, furnished for the Encyclopedia by Elder Joshua V. Himes, of Boston, a distinguished minister in the connexion.

"That there is one living and true God, the Father Almighty, who is unoriginated, independent, and eternal, the Creator and Supporter of all worlds; and that this God is one spiritual intelligence, one infinite mind, ever the same, never varying: That this God is the moral Governor of the world, the absolute source of all the blessings of nature, providence and grace, in whose infinite wisdom, goodness, mercy, benevolence and love have originated all his moral dispensations to man: That all men sin and come short of the glory of God, consequently fall under the curse of the law: That Christ is the son of God, the promised Messiah and Saviour of the world, the Mediator between God and man, by whom God has revealed, his will to mankind; by whose sufferings, death and resurrection a way has been provided by which sinners may obtain salvation, may lay hold on eternal life; that he is appointed of God to raise the dead and judge the world at the last day: That the Holy Spirit is the power and energy of God, that holy influence of God by whose agency, in the use of means, the wicked are regenerated, converted and recovered to a virtuous and holy life, sanctified and made meet for the inheritance of the saints in light; and that