

ered together from various sources, from former Baptists, Presbyterians, Congregationalists, Methodists, Christians, as well as those of no former profession; and although there is the utmost oneness and cordiality upon first principles, and I might say all *principles*, there is to be discovered in some instances the leanings and partialities of previous systems both in churches and individuals, the same as the prejudices and differences, national and educational, that existed among Jews, Samaritans, and Gentiles during the ministry of Paul, Peter, John, and James, though all believed and rejoiced in the one gospel. Meantime, we love one another as heartily and as dearly in the Lord as members of the divine family, as though we were agreed in every shade of opinion; for we have learned from the oracles that we are neither to be united nor divided for party sake or opinion's sake, but for the truth's sake.

If these hints on this topic relative to my own views and those of others amongst us, are not sufficiently explicit and satisfactory, you need not fear propounding another query, as we are not in the habit of keeping an assortment of religious secrets. Concerning the terms "open communion" and "close communion," we have little use for them, since they are found neither in express language nor by implication in the inspired Discipline. We are fond of cultivating a taste for "pure speech." God confounded the language of the builders on the plain of Shinar, when he designed to confound their purposes; and the builders of the great temple of sectarianism, by reason of an impure and confused speech, will also be dispersed, and all their labours prove worse than abortive.

Permit me in conclusion to ask a favour. Having received various versions of what took place in your "expulsion," "withdrawal," or "separation" from Conference, may I solicit you to draw up a brief statement, not exceeding five, six, or perhaps seven pages common letter manuscript, for this periodical?

Wishing you all success in your search for the whole will of Heaven,
I am,

With much esteem,

Yours,

D. OLIPHANT.

MEMORY.

Falls of Niagara, December 17, 1848.

Rev. xx. 13. "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before