


we have said, and again say, that its meaning generally is aside, apart, and distinct from the idea of accountability or responsibility. And to be convinced that we employed it in this common acceptation when speaking of the communion of persons not subjects of the Lord's kingdom, only required the exercise of a little candid discernment to notice another phrase coupled with it: viz., "that they take upon themselves the responsibility."

Now let us pay our respects to the creed-squinting portions of our brother's present epistle which would tie us all up to one opinion. (For after all our good brother says, he only desires us to accept of his opinion: for when asked what we shall say to the unbaptized when they place themselves at Christ's feasting board with the disciples, he cannot do other than affirm, 'My opinion is that such must be put away from among you.')

Let no one be alarmed: we have before said, and now repeat, that brother "O.," and all in Oshawa, and in all places where the disciples are found, teach the same things as it respects Christian communion: the difference, where difference exists, is not in teaching, but in opinion: and here is the solemn heresy of all those that stand opposed to our brother who has favoured us with the foregoing! It is indeed more than possible that our zealous brother estimates his view as of a higher grade and of more value than a mere opinion! Altogether likely. 'I am right—you are wrong' is as sound as orthodoxy itself.

But, waxing valiant in battle to put to flight the armies of the aliens, he says—"you teach and practice without authority—you candidly admit there is no authority in the case—this unauthorized teaching I do not admit." No wonder that our brother sharpened his pen to prune such 'extra limbs' from us! But such disjointing of limbs—such dissecting and splicing of parts—we seldom witness. Words are taken from our letter of February last and placed with expressions in our letter of August, in order to make out the 'extras' that we both *teach* and *practice* without authority; and when the transposition of parts is complete, he says  behold the picture!—!

'Teach without authority'—! What have we taught? Have we taught that the communion table is to be spread every Lord's day?—We plead guilty of so teaching. Have we taught that when seated round this table we regard it as the Lord's and not ours? This, if it be a sin, belongs to us. Have we taught that those who have been buried with Christ are members of Christ, and that they have the authority of Christ to sit at his table? Here, too, we have been at fault, if teaching