

stain, as far as possible, from censuring our fellow Christians, as one of our most cheering anticipations is, that we are going where all are of one mind and of one heart. How desirable is it that every partition wall in the Church militant should be speedily dissolved—"for by one spirit we are all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free, and have all been made to drink into one spirit." To what shall we attribute the irresistible progress of our peculiar views and principles as Baptists in this part of the new world, if not, under God, to the concentrated and united exertions of our early fathers in the Gospel—some of whom are alive among us this day—men whose minds were knit together in the spirit of holy alliance, shoulder to shoulder in their march, breathing and diffusing a spirit of love and celestial union throughout the masses of the people—consequently, multitudes of immortal beings were captivated and brought to the obedience of Christ, who will be as stars in their crown of rejoicing in the day of final triumph. And while we truly deplore in every instance, the withering influence of discord and strife, which is not only doing its work in too many of the Churches, but has a paralyzing influence on the unconverted world at large—which consideration alone, should furnish sufficient ground of inducement to every child of God to exercise patience, forbearance, and Christian kindness towards all men. What an imposing sight would the Church of God present to a benighted world, were she arrayed in that "charity that suffereth long and is kind, that envieth not, vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil, rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth, beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth in all things, endureth all things."

Dear Brethren, you will bear with us, if we digress somewhat from our subject while we allude to the sad catastrophe that has deprived us of late so unexpectedly of the fellowship and co-operation of some of the dearest and most useful among the brethren, but blessed be God, we are not left to mourn like those without hope, all whose hearts are cemented here in virtue of the blood of Lamb do exult in the hope of a re-union, and a re-blending of kindred spirits around the crystal waters of life. Our file is broken, and we deeply sympathize with the bereaved parties, who have been called to drink of the bitter waters of Mara. May the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob console, cheer, and comfort their wounded hearts. Through this visitation we are all admonished with unerring precision of the uncertainty of human life, also made to hear in solemn tones whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might. It is evident that the great Head of the Church has assigned an im-

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