

staunch friends of a thorough reformation will ultimately do in triumphant nobleness, I shall feel free to allow hundreds of Adam's sons to peruse the work free of tax. Still as you are both able and willing, and as I can use the funds to benefit others, you may send me just what you please; and if you send me nothing, I hereby send you a receipt in full, (for nothing) which will be good and valid while "grass grows and water runs."

Much that you say in respect to reforming those who profess to be reformed is worthy of serious and religious consideration. But as a candid reader, have you not discovered that the *Christian Banner* does not flatter sin, but reproves it, wherever found? I know indeed that we have partyists and prejudiced men among disciples who regard every thing done by those having this name as exactly, if not inspiringly, right. And I know also that there are disciples who see most notorious faults in their brethren, but think it capital policy to shield them from exposure and not let a certain sort of people called "sectarians" know that they are seen. On this principle much of the New Testament would not have been given to us. Paul's letters to the saints in Galatia and Corinth, his letter to Titus, and numerous portions of the Acts, the Hebrews, and Revelations, besides the epistle to Jude, would have been kept in the back ground if the Spirit of truth and righteousness had designed that the professed disciples of Jesus should not be openly, boldly, and severely reprov'd when estranged from the standard given by the Lord's apostles.

Now I will appeal to your candor, if, with your present views of the disciples, were you one among a number of the most perfect of them, *you would be willing to go farther by way of correcting than you find some of us do go and have gone in the Christian Banner?* If you can read over the articles entitled Prayer—Preachers, People—Excursion—Position and Principles of Disciples—and a coming article on Censoriousness—and then affirm that we fail in attempting to plead a thorough and unequivocal reformation, I must draw upon your benevolence and your searching charity in order to ascertain what efforts you deem needful to carry out the motto you would like to see on the flag of the aforesaid reformation.

But my friend Evans, everything cannot be done at once. The world itself, under Almighty energy, took six days to create. And the same great Father saw it necessary to suffer the world to be over 2500 years old before he introduced such a code as the Mosaic law; and he kept the world learning—learning—learning, for over 4000 years ere he established the Christian religion; and then for most