

Possessed of the salt of the earth, and the light of the world, they sought the persuasion and salvation of our entire race. How expansive their benevolence—how divine their enterprize! Here patriots were converted into cosmopolitans, partizans into philanthropists, and self-love into the love of our species. Our field is the world; and the Christian Church, organized and officered according to the Apostolic models, is to reap, and sing “the harvest home.”

IS THE GOSPEL OF WESLEYANS THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST?

To the Friends of the Lord's truth in Hillier:

MEN, BRETHREN, FATHERS:—Let me address you in writing. I was a listener on the evenings of Oct. 29th and 31st when Messrs. Madden and Allison gave sermons to large assemblies at one of your School Houses, (in Section No. 4); and presuming that a reflection or two relative to these preaching efforts may not be unprofitable, I voluntarily employ my pen for the purpose of recording and submitting to you some notes and facts in view of the premises.

Seeing that ministers of the order to which Mr. Madden and Mr. Allison belongs, being Wesleyans, do not permit themselves to answer questions which may be suggested at their meetings, nor allow remarks or quotations from the oracles of God to be made by way of review of their public teaching, it becomes expedient to take another method to lay before the people who are honestly in search of truth a comparison between the doctrine taught by the friends of the Wesleyan Conference and the doctrine taught by the friends of the religion of Christ.

If any of you inquire for my apology in taking the liberty to examine and scrutinize discourses delivered by ordained men, sometimes called clergymen, I reply by intimating that no apology is needed. A public discourse, the moment it is pronounced, is public property; and, therefore, as such, it is fairly subject to the strictest criticism and the keenest review, provided the law of honor and the voice of candor are allowed to preside.

And friends, is it commendable delicacy, is it justifiable charity, for public teachers quietly to permit one another to propagate what each verily regards to be not the truth of heaven? Is it not more manly, religiously healthy, and spiritually lovely to compare all preaching with the unerring volume, and to cultivate the habit of discerning between