

a more efficient front against error, and in defence of the Apostolic Gospel, and the whole truth as it is in Jesus. We now have the "Genius of Christianity," the "Millennial Harbinger," "Christian Intelligencer," "Gospel Proclamation," "Protestant Unionist," "Western Reformer," and "Christian Record," which we receive; and then we hear of the "Messenger and Advocate," "Christian Magazine," "Ecclesiastical Reformer," "Christian Mirror," "Christian Teacher," "Christian Journal and Union," "Investigator," one or two called "The Christian," and others in the United States. "The Witness of Truth," in Canada; several in Great Britain, and "The Christian for these Eastern regions." America furnishes near *twenty* publications, each one with apparent zeal, and in good faith, advocating a return, and a steadfast adherence to the teachings the Oracles of God.

Brother Campbell is the senior editor. He thinks there are too many publications. He seems favorable to convention of editors and brethren sometime in September. Persons unacquainted with him, might suppose that his objections were dictated by a desire to have the field to himself, or from selfish considerations. We think otherwise. Some time in 1842, he assured me personally, that notwithstanding his numerous books and publications, he was in doubt whether the balance was for or against them. That is, after printing and publishing *twenty years* he thought the receipts had barely met the actual expenses. Who of all our Editors can tell a better tale of pecuniary results? Why then do we publish? *We hope to do good*—to be *more* useful than we could be *viva voce* alone. This I believe to be the grand motive of the entire brotherhood editorial. Every publication has a local interest, and every new effort is put forth with fresh vigor, and consequently we circulate more intelligence, and have *seven* times more readers than we should have with two or three publications, *unless all the present writers could take the same interest in the two or three papers, that they now take in their own.*

We, once, thought differently. Sometime before we thought of conducting a publication, we had a correspondence with brother Cribfield, then editor of the "Heretic Detector," on the propriety of fusing all the papers into one, and devoting the entire profits to the support of Evangelists, to enable them to sound out the word of the Lord, where the truth in its purity had not yet been heard. We agreed in our opinion, but no effort was ever made to carry the plan into effect. Our opinion now is, that each editor is better acquainted with the state of things in the vicinity of his own locality, and is, consequently, more capable of adapting his communications to their wants than the most gifted can be at any central point. What, therefore, we lack in talent, as writers, we make up in adapting our efforts to the situation, capacity, and known wants of our readers.

And then we have in the sacramental hosts of God's elect, many zealous spirits that must have a publication called "*my own*," in which we intend to print and publish what we please! As well might we attempt to roll the Mississippi back to its source, as to stop the onward progress of such spirits. They must have their day. If they sometimes write and publish that which is puerile and uncalled for (and who does not),