

sumption. Nor do we say that the truth exists only amongst us. The name Evangelical Union, by which we wish to be known, has been objected to, as implying that no other Unions are Evangelical. But it ought to be understood that when this name was chosen, it was distinctly stated, that in assuming it we did not mean to pronounce any opinion as to the character of other Unions, but simply to indicate that we are united to maintain and disseminate the gospel of the grace of God. We believe, however, that we have important truth to make known to our fellow-men, and that there is an urgent need for our testimony. I wish at this time to address you on the relation of Evangelical Union Theology to missionary effort.

That missionary effort is needed all over the world, no one laying claim to the name of Christian will deny. That it is the Master's will and command that Christians should engage in such effort, all who acknowledge him as their Lord will admit. The command of the Church's Head is unrepealed:—"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." In the early ages of Christianity, Christians were set on publishing the gospel. When persecution scattered them, they went everywhere preaching the word. Those who are most Christ-like will take the deepest interest in missionary effort. To engage in missionary effort is the object of that Evangelical Union of which we are a Branch. The E. U. was formed for missionary purposes.

Missionary work is to be carried on by the publication of the Saviour's gospel. This gospel is the moral implement which he has given us for cultivating the moral field of the world. It is the sword of the Spirit for the overthrow of all in man as an individual, and among men as communities, that is opposed to Jesus Christ. Now we think that we are warranted in assuming that there is an adaptation in the gospel which, as missionaries of Jesus, it is our duty to publish, to accomplish the ends, at which we should aim in publishing it. Indeed it is expressly said that the gospel "is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." To maintain the opposite, that there is a want of fitness in the gospel as an instrument to accomplish the results, at which we should aim in making it known,—seems to us to be a reflection on the wisdom of its author. God is the "only wise God." His wisdom is seen in the means he employs to accomplish ends. Indeed one important department of evidence for the existence and attributes of God has been based on this very idea.