

now live, move, and breathe your spiritual existence. You know who laid the foundation of our edifice, into which we have access and our Father entered as the habitation of the Holy One. We speak against none, we charge none who differ from us with innovation; but you know who set the ancient land-marks, and you know who sustain them. We may be charged with aberrations from our primitive standard; but this is not the language of truth: it is the language of prejudice—the prejudice of education, the prejudice of fancy, the prejudice of authority: it is not the existing inscription of monumental truth. Name is nothing, it may be said. It may be so with them who are given to change; but with the stable in principle, who respect the law of public opinion, it rates in class with respectability of character. We revere the adage of the Wise, inspired by the unerring Spirit: “a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor”—which is its inevitable result—“rather than silver or gold.” This our Fathers handed down to us; this we hand down to you. Preserve it inviolable for the Father’s sake, but more especially for the perpetuation of our sacred rights and heaven-born privileges. It may be said, silver and gold have we none, the purchase price of our name and connections; but we have a clear conscience that we have made no barter of our ancestral freedom for the sake of filthy lucre. We cannot be bought—we shall not be sold: freemen are priceless, and have no need of paltry subterfuges to enrich themselves.

Let no man say, or even think, there is any declension in our zeal to promote our common cause. Where is the year? note the time, if such exist, when prosperity has been so benignantly bestowed on us by our Benevolent Head. We have sowed, and who will presume to say we have not reaped? and if we have planted, so have we abounded. We plunder no fold—the sheep are our own: we disdain to compass sea and land by proselytism to increase our numbers and ex-

tend our prosperity, we hope, where others have not; others have not, yet may appear, yet more costly and prosperity, if inularity, we have vigorous minds famous, we admire art or science—Church of Christ field of the world, zeal, aspiring atness. You will you will not des hope, God’s service and precious—your sake. The hope it will be improvement; sympathy, and as fellow-laborers servants with union, essential to give to the end.

You will perceive and other official prosperity: increase and enlargement that our Church paralleled efforts and institutions committee of inquiry that the education should be a principle advocate children in the We desire and