

ness on hand just now than to offer a desertation upon the reason why they have not been kept.

We would amend the sentence where our brother says 'we need no lengthy controversy' by saying *we need no controversy at all*. A little investigation, however, extending over some 50 or 60 pages of this monthly, is, according to the view taken from our Observatory, very essential if not indispensable. Are we not told by strong friends that their missionary arguments are many and mighty? Do we not hear it more than hinted that the salvation of the world of sinners and the salvation even of saints depend upon the missionary arrangements such as are at par value at Cincinnati? And shall we be informed in the same breath that these big ecclesiastic reasons, and these vitally essential arrangements, are not to be examined elaborately in their bearings?

For the second time a gentle wave of wonder comes to us relative to what we are opposing. It appears not to be considered that if there be any dubiety in the premises, it is by reason of the imperfect picture of things drawn by the missionary artists at Cincinnati. Friend Franklin has, by good official authority, told us of 'a creation of the brethren' in the likeness, power, and nature of a missionary society; and to a goodly few we have made it clear that we do and can lawfully oppose this late 'creation' by pious men. If neighbor Franklin now tells us that he does not know what this modern creation is—that the creature formed in his own city, and much admired and praised, is not comprehended by him, and therefore does not comprehend what we oppose, we will feel obligated to take its likeness anew and send it to the 'Review' office; and a ticket or label will be put on the creature's forehead, just beneath its jutting horns, with these words distinctly marked: 'This is the creature that D. Oliphant considers dangerous, either as a free commoner in the open country or in a city vineyard.'

Touching the queries of the slightly over-sugared 'Review,' they have, we opine, already been all answered before seeing them. But we will engage to bestow upon them marked attention, provided our excellent relative will answer our fourth query propounded in February last and give us the proof that he responded to our third question correctly. Let us trust that the intelligent 'Review' will pleasantly accord to us liberty to conclude that he cannot manfully, and with an open Bible, answer these our queries and make the answer fit with his missionary drapery.

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