

## DIALOGUE 1.

### *Class-Meetings a Condition of Church Membership.*

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*Algernon Newways.*—Good morning, Samuel, I am glad to meet you; I want to converse with you about matters which, of late, have very much occupied my mind.

*Samuel Oldpaths.*—Well, Algernon, I have some leisure at the present, and will gladly devote it to the conversation you desire. Pray, what are the matters which so much interest you?

*A. N.*—The principal one is, that our church should insist on attendance at Class-meetings, as a condition of membership. "I do not regard" as Wesleyan, or having the sanction of Mr. Wesley, the making attendance at class-meeting an essential condition of membership in the church of Christ. Mr. Wesley declared that the sole object of his labours was, not to form a new sect, but to revive religion in the church and in the nation; that each class was a voluntary society in the church, but was no more a separate church organization than a Bible Society, a Temperance Society, or Young Men's Christian Association, is a separate organization."

*S. O.*—Friend Algernon—I look at you, and listen to your remarks, with mingled feelings of surprise and disappointment; nor can I well sup-