

Viewed as an effort on the part of the Churches of Christ in the British Empire, to present the idea of substantial *oneness* to the Empire at large, and to the world, the Westminster Assembly, having thus Covenanted to *be* and to *appear* one, will ever be regarded by all intelligent and impartial Christian patriots with admiration and gratitude. The fact, that the principles which at that time were possessed and maintained by the great majority of the Ministers of the Gospel in England are so little known or so loosely held in the present day, says but little for the strength of that spirit of free inquiry of which this age of professed enlightenment so largely boasts. And if ever the Churches of Christ are to exhibit a substantial uniformity in doctrine, worship, and government—and who can doubt that such an exhibition shall one day be given?—it will be found that the Westminster Assembly presents a model of the principles on which such uniformity must rest. Uniformity among the Churches can be established, only when the Churches shall, with one heart and soul, bend to the Supreme authority of the Church's Head, as announced in His written word,

The most effectual and beneficial way in which we can commemorate the Assembly at Westminster, is to consider, as a Church of Christ, after comparing the Bible with the volume in which we profess to believe that there is a Symbol or Compend of Bible truth, and to consider seriously and prayerfully not once or twice, but often, the Heavenly call which is passing along and throughout all the churches of the Reformation at the present day—“Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of its place, except thou repent.”

The Lord Jesus Christ is not, and cannot be, without a people. They that are with Him, are called, and chosen, and faithful. Though men may fondly and superstitiously call others *the Church*, these alone are His—and those alone he will at last acknowledge. Of that people, one in heart, though much conspires to disunite them, He is the only Supreme Governor. To this truth the Westminster Assembly bore testimony, and we also must witness in behalf of it. God gathers individuals into a family—making a family a Divine institution, to be used by the Mediator for advancing His work of grace in the world. The fruit of the Assembly's labours gives proof of an abundant testimony to this truth also; and every family among us, unless the stamp of unfaithfulness to God and to Christ is desired to rest upon it, must bear daily testimony to the same. The Almighty Ruler has appointed nations as a Divine institution, to be also used by Christ for the ingathering of His ransomed people; all the power and wealth of nations to be at the disposal of Christ for the accomplishment of His gracious purposes. The Assembly