

were made agreeably to the claims of convenience. This indicates as nearly as possible two things, and we may be permitted to regret that our brother indicates these two things: 1st, That, according to one of the secretaries of the Cincinnati missionary society, the missionary arrangements of the ancient brethren were not included in their congregational duties, because *all* these were defined; and 2nd, That the Holy Spirit did not move the primitive brethren to proceed in their missionary duties.

Not only are these two negative positions seriously bad, but they are specially lean and barren of good fruit when it is considered that the evangelizing principle is constitutional in the Lord's economy. If by the term 'missionary spirit' be meant evangelizing spirit, we do affirm with brother Pendleton that no one can be the Lord's disciple without it. It is constitutional, not prudential, in the christian government. Every individual of the saved, and every congregation of the saved, not only possess the new life in Christ Jesus, but they possess this divine life to re-produce it in others. To speak, then, of adding the evangelizing spirit or principle to a disciple of Christ or a congregation of disciples, would be very like brother Franklin first building a fire and then getting heat to add to it to make it hot; or like some very particular and wise man who would first fill a room with the sun's rays and then try to add brightness to make it light. For as Christ came to save us all, the moment we partake of his spirit and share in his life, we also, like him, yearn to save all. Arrangements, therefore, not fairly included in the gospel or within the gospel church, ostensibly to produce this constitutional evangelizing spirit, are not only useless but mischievous and positively dangerous, as we trust to be yet able to show; and cardinal arrangements, humanly contrived, for the avowed purpose of carrying out this great constitutional principle,—arrangements which may or may not control or induce obedience,—are, with us, at once ineffectual, inconsistent, and derogatory to the claims of the Book of Life.

Listen just here to the claims of the Ohio missionary society:—

"We claim that it will infuse the missionary spirit among us, lead us to speak of it, read the Scriptures to learn how the first Christians spread the name and authority of the Lord so wonderfully over the earth, pray more, go to meeting more, exhort, preach, sing and worship more. In one word, in this way, we shall keep alive, save the