

of Divine Grace over tribes upon tribes of the most miserable of the human race; and in that spirit of intelligence which is manifestly marching forward by means of ministerial labours, circulating libraries and judicious periodicals.

In conclusion, Your Committee would say in the language of the *Methodist Magazine* for 1827 (p. 402) "now we challenge our opponents to show that any one cardinal doctrine has been altered by any of these means; that any one of the primary principles of Methodism, as taught by John Wesley has been sacrificed; that the grand object of all these labours has been lost sight of by the introduction of any one of these places, means, regulations, or whatever else you may please to call them. So far from this, they have been held with a tenacity which some have construed into bigotry, and defended and propagated with a zeal which some others (and not a few) have branded with enthusiasm. And were we not fearful of being charged with too great a partiality for our own peculiar views, modes of thinking, and plans of operation, we would say that such is the strength, the beauty and compactness of this spiritual building, that we may bid defiance to its enemies to undermine its foundations, or in any effectual way to mar its beauty, because we think its "builder and maker is God," and that it is "built upon the sure foundation of the Prophets and Apostles, JESUS CHRIST *himself* being the chief corner stone." Let then the friends of the cause move forward in the strength of JEHOVAH—Let them fearlessly adopt every means sanctioned by the precepts of Christ for the advancement of his kingdom—Let them not be frowned down by the haughty contemners of church order; nor laughed out of countenance by those who have placed themselves "in the seat of the scornful;" nor yet frightened from their posts by the threats of those who have exchanged the weapons with which they formerly so successfully fought against "the world, the flesh and the devil," for those with which they now fight "for the mastery" in a cause less defensible."

All which is respectfully submitted.

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