

catholic spirit ; if we act as becomes an evangelistic Church in seeking the world's salvation ; and if we adorn the doctrine we profess by holy living,—then may we bid defiance to all the snares of the adversary, and be of “good comfort,” as the honored servants of the Lord of Sabaoth.

III. “*Be of one mind.*” Our blessed Lord in his intercessory prayer, assigned a very high place to unity in his Church. “Neither,” says he, “neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe in me through their word ; that they all may be one, as thou Father art in me and I in thee, that they also may be one in us ; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.”\* His Apostles follow the example of their beloved Master. “Be of the same mind one towards another.”† “Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like-minded one toward another according to Christ Jesus.”‡ “Endeavour to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.”|| “If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies ; fulfil ye my joy, that ye be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, *of one mind.*”§ The Church at Corinth had special need of the exhortation, “Be of one mind.” Divisions had crept in amongst them, and a spirit of sectarian bigotry led them to attach themselves to different leaders, as if they were not all marshalled under one banner. In connexion with these divisions, grievous errors had been superinduced on the simplicity of the Gospel, to mar its beauty and to beguile unstable souls. Judaizing teachers had successfully attempted to set up the claims of an abrogated law, and thus to interfere with the all-sufficiency of the Saviour's merits. The disciples of a philosophy falsely so called had tried to graft their oriental dreams upon the holy realities of inspired truth. The practical result was what it has always been—a lowering the standard of evangelical purity, and a disunion

\* John xvii. 20, 21. † Rom. xii. 16. ‡ Rom. xv. 5.  
 || Eph. iv. 3. § Phil. iii. 1, 2.