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to be feared, an insinuating tendency to lead their hearers and readers from the consideration of the depravity of human nature, the way of redemption through the atonement of the law-fulfilling Redeemer—the necessity of being born again—justification by faith, repentance and other doctrines of a kindred character and tendency. Let us then, Brethren, that we may be "lights in the world," seek a prayerful acquaintance with all those divine doctrines and holy precepts, which the Book of God teaches. These are the only legitimate sources of deep Evangelical piety in the soul; and without this description of piety, neither we, nor any other denomination of Christians can prosper.

While our numbers have, within a few years increased, has there, we would ask, been a corresponding amount of vital Religion in our hearts? Are our young Ministers more zealous than their venerable predecessors in the sacred office? Are they inspired with a greater share of holy zeal, and a greater willingness to encounter hardship and reproach for Christ's sake? Are they more fervent in seeking by prayer the truth as it is in Jesus, from the Bible? Are the lay members of the Churches more conversant with the Scriptures than were their Fathers thirty years ago? Is their piety of a deeper character? Have they less worldly conformity? Are they verging nearer that standard of christian excellence, which was so conspicuous in the days of Primitive Christianity?

Without pretending to answer these enquiries, we would exhort you to remember that our opportunities for the enjoyment of Spiritual privileges, and for doing good in the cause of God are vastly increased, and that our Divine Master will require of us a corresponding amount of genuine religion in our hearts, and of active devotedness to his service. Our denomination in this Province is every year becoming more numerous. We have now upwards of five thousand members in our Churches, and perhaps eight times that number, who are sentimentally Baptists, and belong to our congregations.

If every member belonging to our Communion, is living in the enjoyment of his exalted privileges, we have in connection with us, more than one thousand family altars, upon which the sacrifice of a "broken and contrite heart" is daily offered to God; and we have more than five thousand sacred retreats, where penitential hearts daily confess their sins, and through the merits of the Saviour implore forgiveness.

What might not such a host, by the divine blessing, accomplish in the service of Christ? Let me turn to the "Acts of the Apostles," and there learn how a few despised Disciples, in the midst of persecution—without the agency of the Printing Press—without Religious Tracts or Newspapers, and when Commerce was in its infancy, within the brief space of less than half a century,