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"One is your master, *even* Christ; and all ye are brethren."

INTRODUCTION.

Two months within the time limited by the prospectus, the Gospel Tribune now goes forth to meet the glad welcome of its many thousand friends, who, by their kindly sympathies, have warmed and nurtured it into life—upheld by kindred influences, may the journal now ushered into existence, live, to aid in diffusing among all evangelical bodies, such an accurate estimate of their existing differences, as shall cause the delusive walls of mist, by which they are now separated, speedily to vanish; till, on search being made, there shall no longer be found but "one fold and one Shepherd."

That none may have occasion to fail in rightly comprehending the true position of this *inter-denominational* journal, it is now announced, that the doctrinal basis adopted by the Evangelical Alliance will characterise its theological teachings, and that the church-membership, christian-communication and alliance for which it pleads, have no application whatever, to any party or individual destitute of the spirit of Christ. In its more minute details, the work may be expected to bear the impress of the following

LEADING PROPOSITIONS.

1. That it is the paramount and constant duty of all men, to uphold, at the necessary cost of utter self-condemnation, the untarnished honor, justice, perfection and glory of God's moral government, as set forth in the Scriptures, and by those events which make manifest his judgments in the earth.

2. That each separate requirement of the Holy Scriptures, claims the immediate, unreserved and

unconditional obedience of every inhabitant of earth, on the knowledge of the law being acquired and its observance rendered practicable.

3. That as all, are by nature the children of wrath, and alienated from God through the wickedness that is in them, it is the *first* duty of every individual to seek the kingdom of God and its righteousness, to the exclusion of every other object, till adopted into the family of God through the mediation of Jesus Christ.

4. That the cordial belief of the truth respecting Jesus Christ and his work of redemption, does, in every instance, necessarily and inevitably draw the alienated affections of the trembling penitent, back to the bosom of his God.

5. That whoever, with the heart believes unto righteousness, is, by the simple fact of his faith, and on the moment it becomes a fact, fully and completely constituted a child of God, through the transforming and renewing influences of the Holy Spirit.

6. That the moment an individual becomes a child of God through faith in Jesus Christ, such believer, is, on that instant, not only truly but also fully and completely translated from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God's dear Son, made a fellow citizen with the Saints, and of the household of faith; and also not only truly, but also fully and completely incorporated into the Body of Christ, **THE CHURCH** of the living God; so that all true Christians, are, one with another, members of one and the same body irrespective of the choice of each.

7. That the Body of Christ, **THE CHURCH**, when viewed as a whole, comprises all the saints