

to watch and be sober, to have their lamps trimmed and lights burning, always ready for the return of the master: so that when the cry shall be heard "Behold the bridegroom cometh!" it may fill our hearts with joy and holy exultation.

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"THE CHURCH REFORMER."

Such is the title of a monthly sheet, published in Boston by *Dow & Jackson*, and edited by S. HAWLEY, at the small sum of *half a dollar* a year.

The work appears to be devoted to the union of all religious parties.—We have seen only the second number. The perusal of one paper would hardly fit us to speak with certainty as to the grounds which are assumed for the union of Christians. We, however, hail with joy every publication which has for its object "peace on earth and good will towards men."

Christian Union is, with us, a favorite subject—to all who have had their hearts armed with the love and benevolence of our Divine Redeemer, it is a delightful theme. Who, that ever tasted the sweets of redeeming love, would not rejoice to see all christians forming one holy band of brotherhood. How soon would the glorious song of salvation be sung from the green hills of Van Dieman's land to the cold plains of Siberia, were Christians united; the giant Patagonians of Cape Horn and the Esquimaux of Greenland would join in the song of triumph, and as the disciples of the Saviour, would be united in their exertions, sounding out the fame of "him who by the grace of God tasted death for every man."

During the last year we saw with pleasure an account of a Union Meeting held in the State of New-York, at which meeting many excellent sentiments were advanced, and many potent arguments were recorded, against creeds and confessions of faith as bonds of Christian Union. The "Reformer" before us is altogether filled with an account of a similar meeting recently held in *Groton, Mass.* The name of *L. Myrick*, who figured as a prominent individual at the former meeting, appears to be such at the latter, together with the names of *Hazen, Russell, Martin, Himes*, and others, who are really advocates of Christian Union. We hope their labors will not be in vain in the Lord

With great grief, however, we perceive that some of the speakers at the convention contended for a union of believers and unbelievers, rather than a union of Christians! A man, styled the "Rev. Mr. Parker," would have a union with men whether they believed any thing about the new testament or old, the atonement, baptism, or any thing ritual! He informs us that when man, "loves man as himself and God above all, then—the dogmas about miracles, the ascension, the inspiration of the apostles, will be subjects of speculations for the curious, but which will have as little to do with our religion as a farthing candle has with the shining of the noon-day sun." Such sentiments as these forcibly remind us of the language of an Apostle—"What concord hath Christ with Belial, or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel." A union with such men is not desirable. The calm—the peace formed with such gentle rejectors of Heaven's best boon to man—the word of God, would be like a deceitful calm of the tropics—a preparation for a more tremendous