

Christianity popularly styled Primitive Methodism. The societies generally have, during the year, manifested devoted attachment to the doctrines and discipline of our church, preserved the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace, and many of them (would that all had!) benevolently supported the institutions of the body, and thereby assisted in sending the gospel to the regions beyond.

Dear Brethren, to ourselves, and we have no doubt to you, it is a matter of unfeigned thankfulness to witness our scriptural system of divine truth, ordinances, worship, communion, and ministry working out their happy results in the sober wisdom, the enlightened piety, and the holy lives of a constantly increasing people. This we consider the chief end of our ministry. Glory to God in the highest! it has been accomplished, and is now being accomplished in the eternal happiness of great numbers now before the throne in heaven, and in the devoted and circumspect lives of thousands of our Israel upon earth.

Humility before God, on account of our many failings and defects, becomes us, as a part of our Lord's family. Nevertheless, when we reflect upon the fact, that all the good which is done upon the earth the Lord doeth, and not man: that all good stands opposed by myriads of satanic and worldly influences: that were it not for the Lord Jehovah nothing good could be accomplished, we therefore consider the degree of success, power, and purity amongst us as indicative of the Divine presence and blessing, and a source of encouragement to still greater exertions in the salvation of sinners.

Dear Brethren, let us say a word to you concerning your own personal piety: permit us to