

My brethren, let us be satisfied to walk by the pure light of "the Sun of Righteousness," rather than by the uncertain sparks of the fire which men have kindled!—Well may we say uncertain, when the avowed enemies of Christ and his Gospel have often, and do still 'n many places patronize it, as making for their infidel principles—as favouring their damnable doctrines, as being in their view altogether ANTI-CHRISTIAN in its tendency, and consequently claiming their cordial support and strenuous co-operation.

It strikes me, my brethren, that our sin does not consist in an opposition to the system, but in *non*-opposition;—in apparent apathy; and that we are culpable in having *let alone* the error so long. We would have given sounder proof of our love of souls by opposing error, than by quietly letting it alone, as we have too long been doing. If the Apostles had let the heathen error alone, where now would have been Christianity? If Jesus had left the dæmons alone, these devils should still be in possession of the human race, nor should satan have, "as lightning, fallen from Heaven." If unbelief and heathen darkness, Mahomedanism and Judaism, if schism and heresy are forever to be let alone, WHEN shall all nations, languages, and tongues flow into the gates of Jerusalem?

My brethren, the present weakness of the Church of Christ arises in a great degree from the almost total neglect of this as a principle. Errors have been let alone. They have not met with a steady opposition—with a *believing* opposition that leaves consequences to God. Hence the confusion, the darkness, the perfect ignorance of many professing Christians, touching TRUE CHURCH-OF-CHRIST PRINCIPLES. Hence the occasional encounter of the true Church with the errors of the multitude of religionists is regarded only as the clashing of opposing parties, the conflict of sect with sect! This evil, this tremendous evil to the cause of Christ, this overthrow of unity, this counteracting of Christ's revealed will and pleasure has been powerfully increased by letting errors alone. There is in truth no real love whatever in letting error alone—IT IS SIN.—God has visited, and is still visiting his Church for *that very sin*, and is teaching her watchmen that the trumpet must NO LONGER "give an uncertain sound."