

of Jesus: We, the disciples of Christ deeply deploring such a melancholy state of things, more especially as our Divine Redeemer prayed that all his disciples might be one; and being fully convinced from all the efforts which have been made to unite on human Creeds, Disciplines and Confessions of Faith that they ought not to be bonds of union for Christians; and further, believing that the word of God has been given "to be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path"—that "the scriptures are able to make us wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus"—that they are "profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" and to make "the man of God perfect and thoroughly to furnish him unto all good works."—We therefore in the fear of Jehovah and in the presence of his servants, give ourselves anew to God and to the word of his grace and to each other *as the disciples of Jesus Christ*, promising by his assistance to be guided alone by the Holy Spirit, as he speaks to us in the words of the new covenant: And, further, being anxiously desirous that all christians should form *one body*—be animated by *one Spirit*—cheered by *one hope*—acknowledge but *one Lord*—have but *one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of all*, we promise to receive to the arms of our christian affection, all the members of the body of Christ, to enjoy with us all the ordinances and blessings of the Lord's house: and thus to know each other and to be known by all men simply as the disciples of Jesus Christ."

The following Lord's day (the 26th of September) although cold and wet, we met to consummate the union. In great weakness I gave them an address in the morning on the proposition: "The Church of the living God is the pillar and support of the truth." In the afternoon, after reading the above document, and calling their attention to the fact already submitted relative to the constitution of a congregation of the Lord, I called upon all the disciples present desirous of uniting upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone, to separate themselves from the rest of the people and to take a stand in the centre of the Hall. *Nine* brethren and *fifteen* sisters—most of them middle aged, did so; and in the presence of the Lord we recognized them as a church of Christ by prayer and the formal presentation of the right hand of fellowship.

Brother A. W. Rideout of St. Andrews was present, and with me entered his name in the church book as a witness of the union. We had a joyful and a solemn season breaking bread and encouraging each other. May the Lord add many of the saved to their number.

During the previous week I was present and witnessed the dedication of the new meeting house covering the site of the former one. The sermon by a young Mr. Lincoln was, in composition and doctrine, notwithstanding a few touches of Calvinism—highly creditable to his head and heart; and if he always keeps before him his text—to glory in nothing but the cross of Christ—and make it the motto of his life, he will doubtless be blessed and prove a blessing to others. May this be the case.

But the dedication exercises, as a whole, were cold and formal.—There was much more of the "letter" than the "Spirit" in them;