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To those who are actively engaged in the Ministry of Christ, the chief interest and the first duty is the bringing of the simple Gospel home to the hearts and lives of men.

This is the great work of the Church to which everything else must give way. She can only win the favor of God and the love of men by single-hearted devotion to the task of preaching and practicing plain Christianity.

As Ministers of Jesus Christ, and working Pastors in the Presbyterian Church, we are filled with the gravest fears lest the usefulness of the Church should be hindered, her peace disturbed, and her honor diminished by the prevalence of theological controversy and strife over doctrines which are not essential.

We remember that there have been two sad periods in the history of our Church in which this has happened. We remember that our Church has been twice rent asunder by issues which have been recognized shortly afterwards as unnecessary. We dread the possibility of having such a painful experience repeated in our own times. We are persuaded that the great body of the Church, laymen and ministers, have little sympathy with the extremes of dogmatic conflict, and are already weary of the strife of tongues, and are longing for peace and united work. We feel that we do not speak for ourselves alone, but for the great multitude who hold the same conviction in regard to the first duty and main work of the Church, while representing at the same time many different shades of theological opinion.

It is in this spirit that we join our voices in a plain, straight-forward, fraternal expression of the desire for harmony and united devotion to practical work. For this reason we deprecate any and every attempt to impose new tests of orthodoxy, or to restrict the liberty hitherto enjoyed by those who sincerely subscribe to the essential and necessary articles of the Presbyterian Church. Especially would we deplore any hasty addition by informal resolution, or by judicial decision, to the confessional statement of the doctrine of Holy Scripture. We hold firmly to the teaching of the first chapter of "The Confession of Faith," and to the Holy Scriptures as the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice. We do not express any individual opinion in regard to the theory of the inerrancy of the original autographs of Scripture in matters which are not essential to religion, but differing as we may in regard to the abstract truth of that theory, we protest unitedly and firmly against making assent to it a test of Christian faith or of good standing in the Presbyterian ministry.

In the interests of Christian liberty, in the interests of peace and unity, in the interests of missionary enthusiasm and progress, we take this position clearly and firmly, and we cordially invite all who agree with us, to coöperate in maintaining these principles, believing that the end of the Commandment is love out of a pure heart, and a good conscience, and a faith unfeigned; and that the surest defence of the truth is its unflinching proclamation.

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