

afforded, under the ministry of the Gospel,
for them to acquire suitable instruction in the
genuine principles of righteousness, honesty,
justice and true holiness: and also that they
should prove their faith and christian
morality, by their practical obedience to the
precepts of the gospel, according to their instruc-
tions. It is, also, indispensably necessary
for them to receive the one uniting spirit of
Christ, and, to become so far of one heart, and
of one mind, that they are willing to sacrifice
all other relations for this sacred one. Another
essential step is, to settle all just and equitable
claims of Creditors, and filial Heirs, so that what-
ever property they may possess shall be justly their
own. When this is done, and they feel themselves suf-
ficiently prepared to make a deliberate and final choice
to devote themselves, with all they possess, wholly to the ser-
vice of God, without reserve, and it shall be deemed prop-
er by the leading authority of the Church, after examination
and due consideration to allow them to associate together in
the capacity of a church, or a branch thereof, in gospel order,
they may then consecrate themselves, and all they possess,
to the service of God forever, & confirm the same by signing
& sealing a written Covenant, on the principles herein con-
tained