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heart's desire and prayer to God is, and must be, that he who ruleth the hearts of princes, who giveth counsellors wisdom, and restraineth the madness of the people, may arise and help us; avenge our animosities, avert our dangers, sheath the weapons of the destroyer, and make us to see and know the real happiness of all, Reconciliation and Peace.

Upon our entering another year, it is a duty incumbent upon us to thank the Public for the reception with which they have been pleased to honour our labours; but, as the acknowledgment may appear to arise from custom, rather than any consciousness of the obligations we are under to them, the Compilers of this work request leave to assure them, that however slender their claim may be to literary excellence, they have never lost sight of impartiality, and of declaring the whole scheme of christianity.

Impartiality, because we are entirely unconnected with any description of men, AS A PARTY, and have no sinister bias on our minds, nor any view to pecuniary advantages; we go forth as volunteers in the best of causes; our only study has been to ascertain TRUTH, which has exposed us to the nibblings of men of corrupt minds, and of those who make a gain of godliness.

We have been careful never to lose sight of this grand evangelical truth; that in consequence of the covenant of redemption, the eternal Son did, by virtue of his Father's will, and of his own, stand forth as the avowed and the allowed pay-master of his elect Israel; that he sustained, or represented, and to this very hour represents, *their* persons, at the tribunal of Divine Justice; that their sins were so imputed to him, as to render him in their stead, the real debtor unto God; that he actually and totally payed off the last of their dreadful debt, when he bowed his sacred head in death; that he received his visible discharge from all his faithful engagements, when he quitted the tomb on the third day; that the whole body of God's elect, for whom his humiliation was endured, were then summarily and virtually justified in him, and their debts openly cancelled; that he ascended into heaven, as *their* forerunner, and ever lives to make intercession for them, until their whole number is completely gathered home to glory. This is not a chain of abstract speculations and metaphysical truths, but realities of the highest importance. Strike them from the Christian Creed, and the Gospel evaporates into little more than an empty sound.