

## NEW SOCIETY IN MEXICO

MESSRS EDITORS—It becomes my pleasing duty to announce to you, and if you please, through your columns to the public, the gratifying intelligence that another society “known and designated by the name of the First Universalist Society of the town of Mexico” was, according to notice previously given, duly organized on the 12<sup>th</sup> inst., by adopting a constitution, choosing officers, &c. Twenty-four persons became members, by subscribing the constitution.

The following gentlemen were elected as officers of the society for the ensuing year, viz:—David Montague, Moderator; C[harles] B. Brown, Clerk; Alexander J. Dauby, Avery Skinner, Joseph Lamb, Amos Church, and Pliny Sabin, Trustees; David Montague, Charles B. Brown, and Hiram Skinner, a Committee of Discipline. The utmost harmony and good feeling were manifested throughout the deliberations and proceedings, and in conclusion, we had the pleasure of hearing an excellent practical discourse from Br. O[badiah] Whiston of Oswego, founded on the following words, I Peter iii: 13,14. “And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good: but if ye suffer for righteousness’ sake, happy are ye.”

The friends and advocates of impartial grace seem to manifest a determination to arise and assert their rights, and improve their privilege of worshipping God agreeable to the dictates of their own consciences, and I am inclined to think the late thirteen days’ meeting in this town [i.e. a religious revival] the dictatorial and overbearing spirit that has been manifested by the *leaders and runners* of the Orthodox, and the general measures they have taken to proselyte to their party, have been the means of opening the eyes of some, at least, and showing them that the spread of “pure and undefiled religion,” of Christian charity and forbearance, of peace and goodwill among men, have not been the ulterior object in view, and in very many cases, it appears not to have been even the ostensible one.—May the Lord in mercy raise up, qualify, and send forth faithful laborers into his harvest who shall *feed* his sheep instead of *fleeing* them.

Measures will probably be taken to procure preaching part of the time at least—and if any of the ministering brethren should pass this way, they are respectfully invited to call upon us—they will be received and welcomed with cordiality.

And now may the Lord enable this little branch of Zion to grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to walk as children of the light, to “put on charity which is the bond of perfectness. In a word, may we imitate the example of Christ, who *went about doing GOOD*.—Dear Sirs, accept our best wishes for your personal happiness and prosperity, and above all that the good cause in which you are engaged may be built up and extended far and wide, until the world shall be covered with the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the great deep.

C. B. [Rev. Charles Bingley] Brown

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