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A Letter of J. N. D. With Remarks on Receiving

My Dear Brother:

The question you put as to receiving is to me always a delicate one. The point is to conciliate sound discipline, and being wholly outside the camp, which is of increasing importance, and avoiding being a sect, which I should as anxiously do. Receiving all members of Christ's body is not a sect clearly, and that is the principle on which I unite, but they must walk orderly and be under discipline, and not pretend to impose conditions on the church of God.

If therefore they came claiming as a condition liberty to go elsewhere, I could not allow it, because I know it is wrong, and the Church cannot allow what is wrong. If it was ignorance, and they came bona-fide in the spirit of unity, to that which is the symbol of unity, I should not reject them, because they had not in fact broken [with it], but I could not accept what made us part of the camp, nor any sort of claim to go to both, to be inside and outside. This is equally pretentious and dishonest ...

But I receive a person who comes in simplicity, with a good conscience, for the sake of spiritual communion, though they may not

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