

or more churches. In cities churches are often so grouped that one can listen to two or more services at the same time. That results in waste and strife and confusion and every evil work. Those that should be sent to the front are doing garrison duty. They are protecting their flocks, not against the wiles of the devil, but against their religious neighbours. Money that is needed for missions is kept at home to maintain these different establishments. The practical effect is the hindrance of the gospel. Sensible people say, "Agree among yourselves and then come and teach us." Much is spent on the mission fields, but it could be spent with much greater profit if all who go out were perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment, and if all spoke the same thing. The king of Uganda said, "How am I to know what is right and what is false? Every white man seems to have a different religion." A Brahmo leader said, "When so many churches and sects offer themselves and demand allegiance, India, confounded and vexed, asks which is the true church of Christ." On reaching England the same man said he found himself surrounded by various religious denominations, each offering him its own interpretation of the Bible, and its own peculiar Christian belief. He felt as a man in a vast market, he was vexed with the conflicting wares and the quarrelling sects. Some Indians were asked if they wanted schools. They said No. If they had schools they would have to have churches; and they did not want churches; because if they had churches they would have to fight like Catholics and Protestants about God. They said, "We do fight, but we do not want to fight about God." A Rabbi said, "Show me the peaceful reign of the Messiah, and I will become a Christian and not before."

The missionaries unite as far as they can. They feel the need of unity as the friends at home do not. They meet to pray and to seek for it. They are convinced that great injury is being done by introducing the unhappy divisions of Christendom among people who do not wish them and who cannot