

those churches, which, even when unrepresented by pastor or delegate, still forward their contribution. This is as it should be.

Speaking of large meetings, we are reminded that shortly after our last Union meeting, we attended that of the General Conference of Maine, and found a spacious church *filled* from morning to night, by visitors from all parts of the State as well as from the place of meeting. Shall we never attain to this? It would be a vast gain if we could. The personal presence of the churches in force would elevate the whole style of the meeting itself; and whatever good things were said and done during the session would be far more widely influential.

A very important item in the success of the meeting, is, the attendance of every member from the beginning to the end. We must confess that we have been astonished at the extreme parsimony of time practised on these occasions. What are four or five days, what would be a whole week, once in a year, for full deliberation on important matters? How often have we resolved in haste, and repented at leisure! These "wayfaring men that turn aside to tarry for a night," have much to answer for! We trust that we shall see the Union in full strength at its very first session, at ten o'clock on Thursday morning, and that on Monday evening the phalanx will be still unbroken.

Here let us address a word to the churches in relation to the "Union Sabbath." Some are so near to the place of meeting, as to allow of their being easily supplied. Others are near enough to be reached on Saturday, but too far to allow the preacher to return to the Union on Monday. To all of the latter we would say,—Do not drag your Pastor away at the middle of the feast! provide some supply *at your own charges*; hold a prayer-meeting; read a sermon; exhort one another; worship with some other congregation; do anything, (that becometh saints,) rather than break up the Union meeting!

The points of previous preparation and arrangement of business and engagement of speakers at the public services, we pass by—not as being of any minor importance, but because they have often been brought up before, and especially because we have reason to believe that the Committee of the Union have taken unusual pains, in these respects, to ensure success. Every moment is precious; every utterance should carry weight. May we hint to the members of committees, the importance of their being *all* present at their preliminary meetings—the Union Committee at 3 p. m. on Wednesday, the INDEPENDENT Company at 7. 30 that evening, and the General Missionary Committee at 9 on Thursday morning?

Our last word shall be our weightiest—"Brethren, PRAY for us!" Let each one that comes, "come in the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ:" and let each one that remains at home remember his brethren in council, in the closet, at the family altar, in the prayer-meeting, and the Sabbath assembly. Then, "God, even our own God, shall bless us."