

She rights! she rides! Hark, how they cheer:  
"ALL'S WELL!" above, below,  
She's tight as when she left the stocks two hundred years ago!

True to that "Guiding STAR" which led to Israel's cradled HOPE,  
Her steady needle pointeth yet to Calvary's bloody top;  
Yes, there she floats, that good old Ship, from mast to keel below,  
Sea-worthy still as erst she was, two hundred years ago!

Not unto us, not unto us, be praise or glory given;  
But unto Him Who watch and ward hath kept for her in Heaven;  
Who quelled the whirlwind in its wrath, bade tempests cease to blow,  
Our God, who launched our vessel forth two hundred years ago!

Then onward speed thee, brave old Bark; speed onward in thy pride,  
O'er sunny seas and billows dark, JEHOVAH still thy Guide;  
And perfect be each plank and spar, the best that man can know;  
Sound as she left old Westminster, two hundred years ago!

### NATIONAL CHRISTIANITY.

**T**HE MODERATOR OF THE SCOTTISH KIRK, the Very Rev. Principal Cunningham, would be delighted to see a union of the churches of England and Scotland, in which both Episcopacy and Presbyterianism would be tolerated. Forms of church government are to a large extent, he says, indifferent, and whichever works best is the best. He could with a clear conscience minister in an English church. English clergymen are already admitted to Scottish pulpits, and affiliation will have begun when Scottish ministers are admitted to English pulpits. Let a mutual eligibility act be passed and there would be a return to what existed at the Reformation, John Knox himself being an example.

In the *New-York Independent*, T. G. Apple, D.D., LL.D., considers the possibility of union for Christian work, and says:—

"What is there to hinder the Christian Churches of this nation from forming a federal union, conforming in its main features to our civil national government? Let the Churches organize a general representative body, composed of delegates appointed by the different denominations, for the purpose of mutual co-operation, and the consideration of such questions as pertain to the common interests of Christianity in its relation to the nation. Let it be an advisory board merely, without

legislative functions, to meet at stated times, or as occasion calls for it. There are questions upon which a deliverance is already urgently called for. It is high time, for instance, for the Churches of this country to express a judgment on the subject of marriage and divorce, on the observance of the Sabbath, and other matters of a similar character, which pertain to both Church and State. Other questions would arise that pertain more especially to the Church itself, such as co-operation in the work of foreign missions, evangelization in our large cities, meeting the attacks of infidelity, etc."

Dr. Philip Schaff also discusses the tendency to advance from sectarianism, or the paramount regard for distinctions of sect, to what he calls denominationalism or the right regard for distinctions of faith, combined with a fraternal spirit. He says of this:—

"There is, then, unity in diversity as well as diversity in unity.

"And the tendency to separation and division is counteracted by the opposite tendency to Christian union and denominational inter-communion, which manifests itself in a rising degree and in various forms among Protestants of the present day, especially in America, and which is sure to triumph in the end. The spirit of narrowness, bigotry, and exclusiveness must give way at last to a spirit of evangelical catholicity.

"The great problem of Christian union cannot be solved by returning to a uniformity of belief and outward organization. Diversity in unity and unity in diversity is the law of God in history as well as in nature. Every aspect of truth must be allowed room for free development. Every possibility of Christian life must be realized. The past cannot be undone. History moves zigzag, like a sailing vessel, but never backward. The work of Church history, whether Greek, Roman, or Protestant, cannot be in vain. Every denomination and sect has to furnish some stones for the building of the temple of God.

"And out of the greatest human discord God will bring the richest concord."

### TERMS OF UNION.

The following are the terms of Union proposed by the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States:—

"We, Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America in council assembled as bishops of the Church of God, do hereby solemnly declare to all whom it may concern, and especially to our fellow-