

its language to others may be interpreted thus :—‘ You are dear brethren, beloved on earth, and will finally sit with us in heaven ; but it would be painful, inconsistent, and sinful to fellowship you now in Christ’s church !’

Now, on account of the confusion of our religious phraseology, and the complex nature of party questions, I am not sure that you will understand me. If you have supposed from anything I have said that we hold loose views of communion, or that our views lead to a loose practice, I will at once protest against your interpretation of the language I have employed ; for while the disciples freely fellowship all without exception who number among the saved, they consult not party opinions or human confessions to learn who “ the saved ” are, but look into the “ word of grace,” the “ sure word,” in order to govern them in this important item of behaviour in the house of God.

Enough, however, at present, on the subject of communion. My next will probably touch upon Baptist conversions and revivals, and Baptist associations ; after which I shall make a pause to hear from friend Davidson.

Yours both with respect and Christian sympathy or love.

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CAUSE OF DECLENSION OF VITAL RELIGION.

EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.

Niagara Falls, 15th October, 1849.

It is to be borne in mind, that as the association did not meet in 1846 in London with the determined, nor even avowed object, of seeking to be of one heart and mind in conformity with the teaching of Christ and his apostles ; therefore they have no claim to the name Evangelical, since not in their collective capacity doing the work of the Evangelists ; as full and implicit obedience in all things will alone find acceptance. Those denominated Evangelists in Scripture, all taught the same thing, in all the churches. Paul says, “ Follow me as I follow Christ.” 1 Cor. xi. 1. No compromise to retain any opinion or practice differing one from the other, or from the teaching of Christ or the Apostles.

An Evangelical Alliance may be sure of the presence of the Head of the Church, in all their assemblies, when they come together to teach and observe the “ *all things* ” Christ enjoined upon the Apostles, as promised Matt. xxviii. 18, 19, 20,—the promise of Christ being