

earth beneath us, wrap ourselves up in the petty interests of our individual, or our business, or our sectarian life? No! "To you and to me and men like ourselves is committed, in these anxious days, that which is at once an awful responsibility and a splendid destiny—to transform this modern world into a Christian society, . . . to gather together the scattered forces of a divided Christendom into a confederation in which organization will be of less account than fellowship with one Spirit and faith in one Lord—into a communion wide as human life and deep as human need—into a church which shall outshine even the glory of its dawn by the splendor of its eternal noon."²²

O Almighty Father, gather together from all the earth those who love Jesus Christ, the Lord, and pour down upon them thy Holy Spirit in pentecostal fires that shall burn away all the barriers which pride and vainglory, tradition and prejudice have erected, and knit together into one communion and fellowship all mankind in bonds of simple faith and earnest hope and of love unfeigned that never groweth cold, for the sake of Him who loved all the world and gave himself for its eternal blessedness, Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

²² Hatch, 'Organization of the Christian Church.' Lecture VIII.