

would be an exceptional case in which a Quarterly Meeting would carry a measure to which the members knew the minister was strongly opposed. All this but serves to show how great are the responsibilities of the hour. We are making history. Let it be a history of which we shall not be ashamed in the coming time.

*A Parting Word.*

I cannot close this paper without a word to those brethren, lay and clerical, in the various Churches, who through evil and good report have stood calmly and unflinchingly by the principles of Union. I do not mean the class who with very unnecessary emphasis declare on every possible occasion that they are Union men, and then proceed to argue vehemently against Union; but I speak to the men who by voice, and vote, and pen, have steadily maintained that the Methodists are—or ought to be—one all over the world. Brethren, yours has been no easy task. Those from whom you had a right to expect support have tried to weaken your hands, and have not been slow to attribute to you sinister motives and selfish aims. Be it so. You can afford to wait. History will do you justice. But should it not,—should your motives fail of just recognition from contemporaries, or even from posterity, you may rely with certainty upon what is far better,—the voice of an approving conscience, and the benediction of Him who said,—

“BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS: FOR THEY SHALL BE CALLED THE CHILDREN OF GOD.”