

*Order* does not depend on organization. "Brethren" discard all unauthorized religious organizations; but great quiet and order pervade their meetings. I attended last autumn at Guelph, in Ontario, a meeting of "Brethren," where there were present about one hundred from different and distant places; from England, Scotland, France, the United States, and the Dominion of Canada. We were together about ten days. Men of all ranks were there, from proud Old England's Aristocracy and Nobility down (or *up* if you choose) to the North American Indian. We met in the blessed name of Jesus, and no one appeared to claim or to receive, on account of "wealth, rank or office," any precedence, or any special honor or attention, more than another. We were busy, during the whole time, discussing "the things touching the Kingdom of Heaven," and the "Church of God." We had no organization, no human machinery, no president, secretary, treasurer, &c., no "Rules of Order," no "Resolutions" moved and seconded; no "Committees," and no "Reports;" no hungry "Institutions" clamoring for aid; no Collections or Subscription lists; no complaints about the want of funds; no hint that "Our Benevolent Institutions" were "inadequately" or "meanly" supported. But we had what was infinitely more edifying and comforting: we had the Lord with us. He was our "Chairman," "Moderator," "Comforter," "Counsellor," "Teacher," our "Peace," our "All and in all." It was, I must say, one of the most blessed "Associations" by far that I ever attended. It was truly a visit to the "Delectable Mountains," to "Mount Pisgah," and "Mount Tabor." "Christ and His cross was all our theme." We had meetings for prayer, for studying the Bible; for Lectures on the Scriptures and Scriptural themes; for preaching, and for the "breaking of bread;" and we had sweet religious conversation, on the blessedness of Christ and salvation. Oh! it was good to be there! It was a "feast of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined." How I desired that every dear christian friend of my acquaintance could have participated in it!

Yes, I repeat it, we can have order, and quiet, and harmony, and peace, and coöperation, and success in "shaking off the old serpent," and in leading souls to Jesus, and Eternal Life, even though the broken vessel of human organization and construction has been abandoned to its fate.