

gressive power is demonstrably weaker than that of other Christian bodies." The fundamental reason for this he considers to be, the opinion that for England or Canada to be "all Congregational" is "as undesirable as it is impossible." He read "with amazement" the expression of this opinion in the *Canadian Independent*, and thinks its prevalence the main cause of our weakness. I join issue with him here, most decidedly. For it is denominational aggressiveness which he has in his mind's eye, and this I regard as one of the worst evils now existing in the religious world. It is the strife who shall be greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven, which our Lord distinctly forbade. As an organized religious denomination, our aggressive power is weaker than that of other Christian bodies, because, in so far as we are consistent, we reject all exercise of lordship similar to that swayed by "the Kings of the Gentiles." Denominationalism is the transcript of civil government, has its permanent officers, rife ambitions, distinctions of ruler and ruled, after the model of civil government. Our Lord has declared "so it shall not be among you." The churches of Christ were meant to have a moral and spiritual aggressive power, and in this, by "P. M.'s" own showing, as we shall see