

Congregational and more simply Christian; a religion that will not divide a little village community into three or four different religious bodies, struggling for bare existence, with much concealed rivalry and jealousy, and a heavy burden upon the mission funds of our churches; but shall weld them together into one body in Christ, where, if I may adapt the great words of St. Paul, there shall be no more Anglicans, or Presbyterians, or Methodists, or Congregationalists, or Baptists, but all shall be one in Christ Jesus.

I call that a worthy object, I can conceive of none more Christian. Can anyone seriously suppose that if Christ stood on earth to-day He would hold coldly aloof from such a movement. And we are asked to unite with it. We are not at present asked to give up anything, only to send a deputation to consult with them in this good work. How there can be, or why there should be, the slightest hesitation to accept that invitation, I cannot possibly understand.<sup>4</sup>

Our rights and privileges and traditions will be guarded. These committees have no power to act, only to report. From my heart I believe that it is in the highest interests of the country and of our own Anglican Church, because it is a noble work, the noblest kind of work that can be done, that we should accept the invitation.

There is another reason. Wise men will always study the signs of the times, they will watch the trend of thought and action, not only in their own country but throughout the world, and they will be guided accordingly. Has the spectacle that has been presented to the world in France of something like four-fifths of a nation, according to reports, openly casting off their allegiance to a