

fact is, the churches have monopolized the paid ministry, instead of sending it forth like the church at Antioch ! (Acts xiii. 3.) Is it that these "men of God" of our day, have interpreted the commission,—“Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature,” to mean—“*Go ye into the comfortable ecclesiastical buildings with cushion seated pulpits and preach the gospel to respectable congregations,*” from whose Bibles has apparently dropped out the Divine precept, “Be not conformed to this world.” The world is quite at home in the worship of the *saints*, and the *saints* are equally at home amid the frivolities and puerile amusements of the world. Many ‘Reverends’ of our day would not own “honest” John Bunyan as a brother “clergyman”; for John’s education was that of a mechanic: he knew no language but English, and as it was spoken in the vulgar. He had studied no great model of composition with the exception of our noble translation of the Bible. He frequently transgressed the rules of syntax, yet his rude oratory roused and melted hearers who listened without interest to the labored discourses of logicians and Hebraists; the unlettered tinker being the most potent of the two, he being trained in the school of Christ, a better seminary than any earthly college.

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UNION OF CHRISTIAN SECTS.

The following remarkable article appeared in the *Hamilton Gazette*, of yesterday—the highest of all High Church papers—under the title of “A Move in the Right Direction” :—

The *Daily Globe*, of the 21st ultimo, contains an account of the ordination of Mr. John Lees to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Ancaster, in communion with the United Presbyterian Church. With feelings of peculiar pleasure, we extract the following portion of our confrere’s report of the proceedings :—

“This settlement, in many respects, is to be contemplated with much satisfaction and hope. Mr. Lees, who was for some years a resident of the village, on receiving license, enjoyed the warm interest of the population, and especially the Presbyterians of all denominations : and a very harmonious opinion prevailed that, if he would become their minister, they would merge their differences. Consequently, the ministers both of the Free Church and Church of Scotland in Dundas, who had service in the village on each Sabbath, withdrew,