

nations of Christians. Earl Nelson read a Paper on "Reunion Amongst Christians at Home"; the Rev. Wickham Tozer (Independent), on the "History and Origin of English Nonconformity, and its Relations towards the Church and towards Christianity"; Mr. Denny Umlin (of the Temple, London), on the "Means of Promoting a Better Understanding between Churchmen and Nonconformists." Papers and addresses were also given by the Rev. T. Morris (Baptist), Mr. Beddell (Churchman), the Rev. P. Martin (Presbyterian), and others, and amicable discussion followed each paper.

The signing of the Treaty of Peace having been accomplished, a Congress is spoken of, and Berlin is suggested as the place of meeting.

A gentleman at Bristol writes:—"For six years a decayed tooth prevented mastication on the side it was situated, as well as causing many sleepless nights; but having used Hunter's Nervine, I am not only relieved of the most troublesome of all pains, but can now use the tooth without the slightest inconvenience."

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If we would expect the answer of prayer, our practices should be like our prayers.

If ministers of the Gospel had no higher mission, and accomplished no other result than to exemplify the gospel of good breeding, they would be worth all they cost to society. It is worth more than is ever paid for the support of the Gospel to be able to meet a man who we know is not scanning sharply for a chance at a sharp bargain, or for some other advantage for himself. The presence of a class who, by principles, training and habits, seek the welfare and happiness of those with whom they come in contact, is one of the most valuable factors in civilisation.

TRIALS BENEFICIAL.—There are many fruits that never turn sweet until the frost has lain upon them; there are many nuts that never fall from the boughs of the forest trees till the frost has opened and ripened them; and there are many elements of life that never grow sweet and beautiful until sorrow touches them.

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