

## 198 Quiet Talks on Personal Problems

the Church has been dominant, though not all-inclusive.

The last hundred years and more have witnessed an unparalleled spreading out of the race over the whole earth, subduing, developing, and organizing, even as the command was given in Eden. The pouring of the hordes of northern barbarians into southern Europe has been spoken of as one of the greatest movements of the race. But it is clear overshadowed, both in the numbers and in the vast changes involved, by the present-day emigration movements. And as the people have gone they have carried with them the church forms and names to which they were accustomed in the home land. So it comes to pass that on American soil can be found about every form of church worship, and management, and name. These differences viewed thus historically do not reveal the weakness of the Church but its strength. They mark a certain stage in its progress. They tell the story of man's vigorous life, and of his devotion to the Church.

### The New Church Unity.

And now there is a new movement in church life developing rapidly; a new stage is being entered upon. The immense strides which man has recently made and is making in obeying the divine command to subdue the earth and develop it, are rapidly working out a new family spirit among all the men of all the earth. The unity