

time, by the influence of the Free Spirit of God, has changed much of all this. It has folded up the banners of war ; it has exchanged the war-trumpet for the musical instrument ; it has turned the sword into the reaping-hook ; ignorance into knowledge ; hatred into love ; mistrust and suspicion into the deepest and broadest brotherhood and Christian sympathy. And the Presbyterian Church opens wide her arms to enfold her sisters, whom she has found to be sisters indeed, and joint heirs of the Father of all. The Spirit of God is uniting the hearts of all His people together in bonds of Christian love and sympathy.

We think it is a very pleasing coincidence that two of our graduates, writing from different places, should express in the same number of the JOURNAL, the same sentiment of broad sympathy—which is really a union of heart and spirit, if not of external form—towards other Christian denominations. That two men, of the intellectual power and discernment of the writers referred to, should interpret similarly the signs of the times, and come to the same conclusion, is to us a strong proof of the correctness of that conclusion.

We believe that the noble and true throughout the Presbyterian Church, while thoroughly loyal to their own standards, the grand old principles of Presbyterianism, are, nevertheless, yearning “for the love and sympathy and hopefulness of the entire body of Christ.”

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH.

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Professor Coussirat was born at Nérac (Lot-et-Garonne) France, on March 5th, 1841. His birth place is famous in history, as the ancient residence of the kings of Navarre and as the place where Calvin, Beza and Lefebvre d'Étaples preached the Reformation. On the completion of his classical studies at Nérac and Toulouse, he received, in 1859, the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then entered the Theological Faculty of Montauban, where he spent five years in the study of Philosophy, Philology and Theology, graduating in 1864 with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity, after having prepared and sustained a brilliant thesis on the subject of Election.

On the 8th December of the same year he was ordained to the Gospel Ministry and was appointed Assistant Minister of the Church of Bellocq.

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