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There is good sense as well as Christian comradeship in the merging of two congregations into one for a few weeks of the summer season. A few such temporary unions are taking place in this city with the most happy results. A holiday is thus allowed to the two pastors in turn. The andlence is brought up to numbers which make the preacher's outlook less desolate than it would otherwise be at this season. Apart from these obvious and somewhat material hencelts there is a gain in the fellowship that grows out of the merger, and is straiffed by it. Especially is this true when the congregations visiting are of different denominations. Wor-

shipping thus together for a few weeks, they come to reculte more fully the common ground on which they tiand, the essential unity of their faith and the similarity of their methods and ritual. They sing from different books at the different churches, but find in them the same hymns, which they render to the same tunes. They have a preacher who does not need to change by a sentence in addressing the two congregations the message he would have addressed to either one alone. In truth the sectarian sermon is becoming almost as rere as the sectarian hymn or the denominational prayer. Fifty years ago it was part of the experience of a competent chergyman in one of three or four denominations, to have delivered a series of discourses on baptism, on fore-ordination, and perhaps on church government. This defence of the faith as it is in Calvin, or Wesley, or the Baptist standards, does not now require so much exposition. Every promiscuous collector of local books of the early and middle part of the last century has a considerable assortment of works on baptism. Looking along the row one wonders how there could have been a demand for so much controversial literature in so small a field on this one subject, and how busy clergymen could have concluded to devote so much valuable time and hard study and laborious research to a them, which however important it may be, relates only a small part of the area of Christian doctrine and practice. The time in which such discussions were usual, was not one of spiritual dearth. There was great earnestness and sincerity in worship, much energy and sacrifice on the part of the clergy, faithfulness and plety in the home. one of spiritual dearth. There was great carriestates, and sincerity in worship, much energy and sacrifice on the part of the clergy, faithfulness and piety in the home. Whatever the passing years have swept away that was precious of the more serious and austere religious life. of the last generation, some recompense is given in the kinder relations and greater mutual confidence and re spect that exists today between the different denomina

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