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"UNION" CHURCHES.

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BISHOP PIERCE, in one of his recent letters, writes of Union church edifices: "On my first circuit there were three *Union* churches, and they were *dry places* for us all, Methodists, Baptists and Presbyterians. Neither party prospered. So I have found it ever since, everywhere. We are in each other's way. Conflict of appointments, disputes about days, and collisions which neutralize each and all. There is no excuse for this evil. Are you weak and poor? Build a plain log house. This any neighbourhood can do. Let it be your own to have and to hold, to come and to go, to open and to shut. You cannot develop Methodism without it. Without it, you will have to give up your class-meetings, give love-feasts the go-by, drop your prayer meetings, have a union Sunday-school, where, of course, there must be no Methodist catechisms, or books on theology. There can be no free, full-grown, vigorous Methodism, under this arrangement. You have sacrificed your independence. Association in this way is contagion. You cannot help yourself. If you keep your faith as to doctrine, you will modify your experience as to its spirit and modes of expression. If you have a revival it is hampered by the courtesies and jealousies of your partners, and your own fear of offence. When you shake the tree they gather the fruit. Come out, brethren, and set up for yourselves. Be Methodists, out and out. Live peaceably with all but maintain your individuality. Keep up all our peculiarities. Preach like Methodists, pray like Methodists, sing like Methodists. Imitation weakens us. Saul's armour does not fit us. Stick to the sling and the stone. Israel ruined herself when she asked for a king, that she might be 'like other nations.' There is nothing in Methodism to be ashamed of. Cherish reverence for her history. Believe her theology, admire her system, sustain her institutions, defend her when she is opposed; seek to develop all her resources; live up to her 'General Rules.' Shun bigotry, exclusiveness, ritualism. Cherish charity for all, but *thank God you are a Methodist*. Beware of 'liberty,' falsely so-called. It is the devil's bait on the devil's hook to catch unwary souls. Once more I say, build your own houses of worship, and when they are open, *always* occupy your places therein. A *log-house*, a *bush arbor*, a *Methodist tree*, is better for us than any partnership arrangement. Have done with *Union churches*. What you save in money you lose in members; what you gain in accommodation as to a better house, is lost in power as a distinct denomination.—*Memphis Advocate*.