

Christ, we would possess powers of adaptivity and principles of liberality of which those historic churches knew nothing. Conceive the vast impulse given to missionary effort if Protestant Canada were one. The Church could always be on the spot to bless and guide the infant town or growing settlement. We would not, in each town, have the Methodist Church round one corner, and the Presbyterian at the other side of the block, and the Episcopal Church a few streets off; none of them as full as they might be, and each one rivalling the other. If a stranger were to ask, "Where is the Church of God in this town?" he would find one Church of God, which prayed and taught in a tongue "understood of the people." A united Protestant church would be a rival that might stir the Latin church to purification and tolerance.

But what do we mean by unity? Certainly not uniformity. Our Lord, in His sublime prayer, compares the unity of the Christian people to His own unity with His Father. Such a unity as that of the Persons in the blessed Trinity would not suggest to us the idea of uniformity, rather that of a unity which was compatible with variety. In the first place, rigid uniformity is not conducive to the growth of the Church in a new land like ours. The Church must be elastic in her methods, must be able to adapt herself to new conditions. A strict uniformity in non-essentials would so restrict