

throughout with affectionate regard for our brethren in all the Churches. The Evangelical Alliance has done not a little in bringing the Churches into more intimate relations, and even in combining their forces for certain practical purposes. The spirit of *this* body is in harmony with that of the Evangelical Alliance; for while the Reformed Alliance has aimed primarily at bringing the Reformed Churches of the Presbyterian order nearer one to another, I venture to affirm that it has helped us to realise more perfectly the unity of the Church of God, and to dwell more on the things in which the followers of Christ are one than upon those which separate them. What both Alliances seem to need is an increase of distinctly practical work to do in which their energies may go forth in loving service to the brethren and in support of the work.

I have thus sought briefly to indicate the relation of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches to certain important interests which it is fitted to serve—certain important questions which it cannot overlook. The spirit in which it should do its work must be learned from our Master, Christ. Any good which it may accomplish will be due to the presence of our Lord with us. May the pro-