

all that they hold in common and value in common, and so present a united front to the common enemy,—striving, by combined exertion, in ‘the good fight of faith,’—or by such exertions as, although distinct, are yet all carried on in the same spirit, and bearing on the same end, ‘Ephraim neither envying Judah, nor Judah vexing Ephraim,’—and the one end to bring an outcast world into subjection to Christ:—in proportion as these desirable objects are realized, may we anticipate the near arrival of that happy period in the world’s history,—predicted and promised in the divine word,—when ‘men shall be blessed in Jesus, and all nations shall call him blessed,’—when there shall be ‘one Lord, and his name one,’—when the divine assurance, confirmed by the divine oath, shall be verified—‘AS SURELY AS I LIVE, ALL THE EARTH SHALL BE FILLED WITH THE GLORY OF THE LORD!’ **

* Num. xiv, 21.—‘Essays on Christian Union’—Essay VI., pp. 344—348. I have made the sentiment more comprehensive by the insertion of *episcopalian* along with the *presbyterian*. There is a difficulty, however, in the one case, in regard to fellowship at the table of the Lord, that does not exist in the other. According to *episcopalian* practice, there cannot properly be said to be either *table of the Lord*, or *christian communion*; each participant of the bread and the wine receiving them from the hands of the officiating minister, in a kneeling posture, at the altar; thus, it may be, having individual communion with his Lord, but none, visibly at least, with his brethren. Now a conscientious *presbyterian* or independent might, without incurring the charge of bigotry, scruple at himself conforming to practices deemed by him so unscriptural, and so inconsistent with some of the leading designs of the ordinance, while yet, with open arms, he might welcome to fellowship, at the joint communion table, any fellow-believer holding *episcopalian* views, who felt himself at liberty to take his place there. [The omitted sentences in the extract contain a sentiment and figure which have occurred before.]