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An Appeal from Grindelwald Conference.

DR. HENRY S. LUNN, writing from Grindelwald on 9th of August, sends the following Appeal from representatives of English Christianity assembled in conference:

The response which greeted the "Appeal to the Churches," issued by the Grindelwald Conference of 1893, in September last, has encouraged the undersigned to issue a second appeal this year.

In the appeal of 1893 it was suggested that Whit-Sunday should annually be set apart for special services for the promotion of Christian Unity, and that this practice should be accompanied by: (a) An interchange of pulpits as far as it is practicable. (b) The united attendance of all believers within any given district at Holy Communion. (c) The delivery on the part of Christian ministers of at least one sermon in the year, calling attention to the good works of some branch of the Church other than their own, especially those whose many excellencies are obscured from the observation of their fellow-Christians by the prejudice and suspicion engendered by centuries of strife.

It is with profound satisfaction that the undersigned recognise the fact that the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Archbishop of Dublin, and other prelates issued special encyclicals to the clergy, urging them "to use in church with the collects on Whit-Sunday the prayer for unity from the Accession Service." The suggestion of the Conference was further supported by the Moderator of the Church of Scotland, as well as the President of the Baptist Union, the Presidents of the five Methodist conferences, and other influential Non-conformists.

The undersigned further record with gratitude the many indications on both sides of the Atlantic of the continued progress of the Re-union movement. They would specially refer to the rapid growth of Social Unions and City Councils for the purpose of taking concerted and collective action for the promotion of those social, philanthropic, and public objects of Christian endeavor, which can be most effectively dealt with by the co-operation of all Christians within a given area.

Amongst other indications of the growing force of the movement represented in the Grindelwald Conference, they would refer to: (a) The remarkable action of the leaders of Congregationalism in New England with reference to the acceptance of the Lambeth proposals. (b) The recent encyclical of Pope Leo XIII., whilst full of the haughty assumption of Rome, does nevertheless include Protestants within the great Christian Brotherhood in a manner new to such encyclicals. (c) The decision by an overwhelming majority in favor of the organic union of the different bodies of Methodists in Australia, at the General Australian Wesleyan Methodist Conference held recently.

In conclusion, they would respectfully urge upon the churches of Great Britain and Ireland: (1) The importance of continued intercession on Whit-Sunday for the

outpouring of the Spirit of Love upon the troubled waters of our religious differences. (2) The further formation of social unions with the object of concerted action on the part of different Christian churches for the solution of the great problems which confront earnest Christians everywhere on principles common to the whole brotherhood of believers. (3) The adoption of periodical conferences between all Christian ministers in given districts for purposes of counsel and encouragement, with the special object of discouraging waste of effort by the overlapping of Christian agencies. (4) The earnest cultivation of the belief that, by frank and brotherly conferences, differences may be overcome, mutual concession may be made, and such a desire for real unity cultivated among all Christians that we may see our Lord's prayer fulfilled that all His disciples shall be one even as He and the Father are One.

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*In assenting to the "Appeal to the Churches" we understand the third recommendation in such a sense that our responsibilities as clergymen of a National Church are not hereby compromised.
†Prebendary Grier and Mr. Swayne sign this Appeal with the exception of the third recommendation.