

Sunday, January 19

As thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us. S. JOHN xvii, 21.

THE unity for which our Lord prayed is infinitely beyond human achievement. We can hinder it and seem to mar it, but we cannot create it, for it is perfect oneness in the one Life of the Blessed Trinity.

So long as we consider it a matter of human arrangement, our efforts will be blocked by our arrogance and self-sufficiency, our jealousies and suspicions, our desire for the aggrandizement of self or of our own Communion. It is not a matter of the human will, driven hither and thither by conflicting forces. It is God's Will, always one.

Nor is it to be brought about by compromises or concessions reducing the Faith in God and the Church which is the Body of Christ to a statement so colorless that no one will take any interest in it. The Faith is the act of the whole of a man, heart and mind and soul and will, by which he surrenders himself to, and so receives, the Life of God through Christ by Whom all things consist.

All life is unity, for life is the mysterious force which binds together the different mem-