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Working Together.

WHATEVER difficulties come in the way of union and co-operation at home, there are the strongest possible incentives to earnest, heartsome brotherhood in the work of evangelization in heathen lands. Reformed Presbyterians ("Covenanters,") for example, could not join in the work or in the services of our own Church. Yet, when Dr. Inglis went to the New Hebrides, he found that he could be in perfect accord with Dr. Geddie. And now for a number of years half-a-dozen branches of the Presbyterian family work together in brotherly harmony on those distant isles. In Eastern Africa, the three Scottish Churches, which, unfortunately, cannot see eye to eye at home, help each other in their efforts to spread the Gospel. In Japan, the Presbyterians and the Dutch Reformed co-operate. There is happily a disposition among all evangelical Christians to respect each other's fields in heathen lands, to take counsel together, and show a united front to the powers of darkness. The policy of isolation, of sectarian selfishness and antagonism, never appears so utterly hateful and anti-Christian as when it dares to manifest itself in the foreign mission field. We note with regret that there are four sects which, even in the face of an overwhelmingly dominant

heathenism, display the narrowest sectarian bigotry, and delight in obstructing and destroying the work of other Christian bodies. These are the Plymouth Brethren, a small wing of the Baptists, the Roman Catholics, and "High" Episcopalians. Only lately the Plymouth Brethren and the narrowest wing of the Baptist body tried to introduce their views among the churches of the American Board in Turkey. There are extensive fields where Christ is not known and the Gospel has not been preached; but the sectarian emissaries spoken of prefer breaking up congregations of converts to going out into the places where unbroken darkness still prevails. High Church sectarianism ignores the existence and the work of the best of men. As for the Jesuits, one of their objects in going to heathen lands is to destroy the work of Protestant missionaries. It seems a very sad thing that all the professed followers of Christ should not be able and willing to live and love and work together. Missionary progress would doubtless be more rapid and effective were all to work together as disciples and messengers of the one Blessed Lord. Let us, however, rejoice in what has been accomplished in the way of union, and let us do what we can to remove obstacles and smooth the pathway of Christian progress. Christians are to-day face to face with a world-wide battle; and all