

be done in this line among other bodies such as the Regular and the Free Will Baptists between whom in the Maritime Provinces negotiations for union have been for some time in progress. But that Episcopalians should give up their Episcopacy, and Presbyterians and Methodists their strongly centralized church governments, and Congregationalists and Baptists their Independency is hardly to be expected very soon. Pulpit exchanges between ministers of different denominations are pleasant and profitable to ministers and churches alike, but while they emphasize the essential unity of Christians, it is an open question how much they do to prepare the way for Organic Union. Certainly I should not expect a Presbyterian minister to be less Presbyterian because he did me the honor to exchange pulpits with me, and I am sure I should be as much of a Baptist on coming out of his pulpit as when I went into it. Neither of us would respect the other if either of us yielded one honest conviction for the sake of politeness, although both of us would be constrained by the law of Christian courtesy to preach only that truth in each other's pulpit which in such large measure is common to both. So with union evangelistic meetings. Conducted by such a wise man as Mr. Moody, they are good and do good, but do they help on organic union very much? It is to be hoped that we are all better Christians for Mr. Moody's visit to Montreal last October, but are any of us less denominational? Is any one who had any denominational principles before those meetings less inclined to hold them firmly now? No, those meetings emphasized the essential unity of Christians, that is all. But if Organic Union ever comes to stay it will be not only because all Christians love one another as Christians, but because they are united in the Truth.

IV. *Christian union, both essential and organic, is retarded by the practical refusal of many Christians to be guided by the acknowledged teachings of the New Testament in all points of doctrine and practice, and by them alone.* I say the *practical refusal*, lest otherwise any of the followers of Christ should seem to be charged with wilful disobedience to Him. Theoretically all Protestant Christians are governed solely by His will as revealed in the New Testament. That the Bible and not the Church is supreme, is the principle that distinguishes Protestantism from Roman Catholicism. Yet, when the subject of organic union is under discussion, mention is apt to be made of the necessity of a "return" to something. Witness the quotation in the first of the resolutions near the beginning of this article. But