

would prove an incalculable blessing to those who were providentially placed under that care, albeit he felt that the structure and working of that church was not of a kind to develope the benefits of mutual brotherly watch-care on the part of its members to the greatest extent to be desired.

FINAL CONCLUSION.

Upon the whole he came to the following conclusions : That essential truth is held by all the principal Protestant denominations ; and that all of them secure a measure of mutual fellowship and help to their members, beneficial pastoral oversight, and the due administration of the ordinances and services of God's house. And all these purposes, he unquestioningly concluded, were especially secured by the various Methodist organizations in which its original and fundamental principles and objects were duly maintained and carried out ; which, alas ! we must confess, is not always the case, through the reluctance of many of the laity and the carelessness and cowardice of too many of the ministers.

The connexionalism of Methodism, which in nearly all its types and sections, amounts to a practical episcopacy, or system of oversight, seemed to him to secure all the benefits of Congregationalism—a government by Presbytery—and the beneficial superintendency of more general overseers. These elements, he thought, are so nearly preserved, under different names, in one form or another, by the several Methodist bodies, that there is no principle to prevent their amalgamation, if there were only wisdom enough and a spirit of generous concession on the part of influential minds in the several bodies, a consummation which would save the community from the pitiful sight of weak little rivalries in sparse populations. Diversity, however, he was fully persuaded, is no necessary bar to unity ;