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"That the World may Believe."

WE shall search the Scriptures in vain to find a portion better fitted for meditation at the beginning of a New Year than the chapter in John's Gospel which records the sublime intercessory prayer of our gracious Redeemer, uttered in view of the near accomplishment of His Divine Mission, that all His believing people, to the end of time, might be united, in and through Him, to one another. All the more should it come home to every one of us for the reason given—"That the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me." The same idea is emphasized with equal force in another connection, where it is said, "By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another." That the early Christians rightly interpreted the significance of this argument is attested by Paul when he declares that "Nothing shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Were all professing Christians to realize that unbelievers everywhere are still looking to them for evidence of the sincerity of their love to Christ and to one another, such as the Saviour himself prayed that they might exhibit, scepticism and infidelity and heathenism would soon come to an end; for it does not admit of a

doubt that the divisions of the Christian Church—many of them founded on principles and prejudices of little or no real importance—have done, and are doing, more to retard the evangelization of the world than almost anything else.

Yet, it is pleasing to notice that the tendency of the times we live in is to minimize these differences and to attach increasing importance to the essential truths which Christendom holds in common. This is seen in those Conferences and Councils which, especially during the last quarter of a century, have brought Christians of different denominations together and have made them look each other in the face while they consulted in regard to the extension of their common faith. Not only has there been thus revealed an earnest longing for more of that unity of spirit which is the true symbol and bond of Christian fellowship, but in many quarters there is a desire for the visible and corporate union of churches that acknowledge "One Lord, one faith, one baptism." In our own country, more particularly, Episcopalians and Methodists, Congregationalists and Presbyterians, are beginning seriously to ask what it is that keeps them apart. Of course there are difficulties in the way of organic union as there are in the way of attaining anything else that is worth