

and us alone, we are to tell it unto the Church ; and if he hear not the Church, he is to be to us as an heathen man and a publican. Now the more intimate and frequent the Church fellowship, the easier the above can be done. To secure these ends, there must be organization, and warrant for brotherly and pastoral oversight, in some form or another—call it Congregational, Presbyterian, or Episcopal, as you will. To some such organization every Christian man is bound to belong, else there will be no visible church, and nobody to confess Christ in the world.

#### TO WHICH SHALL WE ATTACH OURSELVES?

Now the question arises, to which one of the various modifications and varieties of these three principal divisions of Christ's militant host should I seek to ally myself, or continue to adhere, if I chance to be already a member of it? Which? This problem is revolved in mind, from time to time, by some of the most thoughtful, earnest, and conscientious of men favoured with the light of revelation. On this account I have concluded to place on paper the results of the workings of my own anxious thoughts for many years.

#### A CASE PROPOUNDED.

I know a man who was brought up with no very particular predilections for any Church in early childhood; neither of his parents was a member of any Church till he was nine or ten years of age—his mother, though of Quaker education, then became a Methodist; his father never became the member of a Church. Up to the age referred to, my friend had never heard a sermon; and only two or three times, at long intervals, a prayer. Almost the only Church contiguous to him during the earliest part of his

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