

to get to know each other a little better. They knew so little of each other because of their itinerant system. They did not stay long enough in their stations to get to know each other. The lack of knowledge of each other was not due to dislike, mistrust, hatred, jealousy, or envy. Mr. Hallam gave a striking illustration, in conclusion, of the disadvantages and waste of energy attending the present system. Last week he was one of four preachers who held four different services in connection with four different denominations of Methodists in one village, and he should think the total of those congregations would not exceed fifty persons. He did not want to blot out village Methodism, but he appealed to them whether what he had described was the right thing for village Methodism.

*Founding of the Bible Christian Connexion.*

Rev. William Higman (Bible Christian) told the story of the founding of that branch of the Church of which he is the President. He recapitulated their successes in the past, and spoke of the prospect before them of still greater usefulness. If John Wesley were alive to-day he would say: "Economize your time, your talents, your money, and keep out of each other's way." And would he not say: "Be one body; find a foundation for one Church, equalize the distribution of ministers, and not have seven where three can do the work, while you leave the large centres to perish for want of workers!" It was time to face these facts, and to well and wisely weigh and handle them, not in the light of a denomination, but in the light of God and eternity.

Rev. George Green, President of the Wesleyan Reform Union, spoke of the harmony and pleasant feeling that had characterized their meetings so far. This meeting had not been marred by a single jar, and he thought it might well be compared to a family gathering. He spoke of the importance of all branches of the Methodist Church taking every care to recognize the absolute necessity of the presence of God, through His Spirit, in all their work, if they would have their efforts crowned with success.

Rev. M. T. Myers, President of the United Methodist Free Churches, said: We need, and might have, a little more united action. We have peace. But Methodism is split up into many sections, each having its own peculiarities, and each doing a great work, no doubt. There needs to be a little more united action on the part of all these sections on all public questions affecting the interests of the Church and the well-being of the masses of the people. I don't mean organic union. That will come; but for all that we are not yet prepared. I wish we were. Yet in view of the difficulties, and the need of strength to meet the growing emergencies of the moment, there is something we can do. We can at least prepare the ground. Methodists of all shades of opinion should be willing so far to unite for the common good. A united Methodism would be the strongest bulwark of Protestantism in this country. It is amazing what a few men can do when they are united and determined, especially when they are right. The poor Waldenses, notwithstanding the power of kings, and the fulminations of the wrath of the Vatican, kept the pure fire burning in the mountains of Piedmont for hundreds of years. One million Methodists, with all our organizations and an open Bible, would be far more certain of