

sentiments of affection, and for heartily seeking their prosperity.

It is a pleasure to the Alliance to have given attestation, through deputations sent to bodies of Christians not connected with it, of our recognition of the principle that all the faithful are one body, and to have received similar proof that our sentiments are reciprocated. We shall, doubtless, continue thus to manifest our belief in the unity of the body of Christ. But is it not possible to attest still more decisively and effectively our conviction that the Church of Christ is essentially one? That we should exhibit to the world sure evidence of our sincerity in defining the Church as we do in our Confessions is not a matter of minor importance. Our conception of many fundamental doctrines, *e.g.*, of regeneration, of faith as uniting us to Christ, of the indwelling of the Spirit in all believers, is inseparably bound up with our conception of the Church. The full recognition of Christian brotherhood, irrespective of denominational lines, must not therefore be thought of as a merely amiable thing, of little practical importance—a thing which receives sufficient attention in the complimentary words spoken on some public platform. When false and pernicious views are abroad—more widely,