

CHRISTIAN UNION.

The guilt of a sectarian spirit is but little understood, or it would not be so often and inconsiderately incurred. To bestow our affections on those who are ranged under the same human leader, or who belong to the same Church with ourselves, and to withhold it from others who possess equal if not superior virtue, because they bear a different name, is to prefer a party to the Church of Christ. Still more, to look with an unfriendly, jealous eye, on the improvements and graces of other denominations, is one of the most decided acts of hostility to Jesus Christ which his disciples have power to commit; for the virtue towards which they thus cherish and express dislike is the image of Christ, the promotion of which is the highest end of his life, of his death, and of his mediation at the right hand of God.

Union of Christians is the brightest feature, the distinguishing glory of our age. Let it be extended, and our religion will have free course through the earth. A new face will then be given to the world. Hitherto the strength of Christians has been spent in mutual conflict. The force of the kingdom of Christ has been wasted in civil war. Let Christians of every name and every region feel and respect the holy bond of brotherhood; let their prayers and labors be united for the diffusion, not of sectarian peculiarities, but of that genuine Christianity which all hold in common; let a co-operation as extensive as the Christian world be formed to diffuse it, and make it practically efficient. Let churches lay down their arms and love one another, and nations will begin to learn war no more. Let Christians of different countries embrace one another as brethren; let them co-operate in schemes of general utility to the Church and to mankind, and they will shudder at the thought of breaking this sacred union. Peace, universal peace, will be then their constant prayer.—*N. Y. Observer.*

COLPORTAGE IN CANADA WEST.

The Upper Canada Tract Society are at present proposing, in connection with the American Tract Society, to establish a system of Colportage, which shall occupy the whole of Canada West; and for this purpose the services of the Rev. Mr. Hickie, one of the agents of the American Society, have been secured for six months. That many parts of Canada stand greatly in need of Colportage and that it is specially adapted to their circumstances we have formerly said. The present proposal therefore is one which cannot but be regarded by us as deeply interesting. Its success must depend mainly on the quality of the books and tracts put in circulation, and on the agency employed. We observe it stated by our contemporary, the *Toronto Examiner*, that the American Society "is not free from the sin of conniving at Slavery—the great national sin of the United States. It bows down and makes its humble obeisance to the great Southern Moloch. It is not merely silent on the subject of slavery; but is obsequious to the slaveholder. English works come from its press stript of every generous sentiment in relation to this monster iniquity." Now we should deprecate the obstructive dragging in of Slavery to the Tract, or to any other Society which aims at the accomplishment of good. But a stipulated, or understood connivance and obsequiousness are not for a moment to be tolerated: and we are mistaken if such abominable conduct as stripping British works of what is so essentially British, not to say Christian, as the indignant, unsparing condemnation of Slavery would not ruin any project in a British Province. We sincerely hope that the Upper Canada Tract Society will steer clear of a rock on which it must otherwise inevitably split, and split amidst the exulting cheers of all right-hearted men.