

the propagation of Evangelical principles. Part of its regular organisation is the arranging for missions to be carried out systematically up and down the country, and at its annual Conferences the main topics of discussion are those which bear on the spiritual life and aims of the Churches. One of its most notable achievements has been the preparation of the Evangelical Free Church Catechism, a document which has revealed a surprising amount of agreement among the Free Churches on the theological expression of their faith. The work of the Council so far has certainly done much to help on the cause of reunion among the Churches. It has made possible that mutual knowledge and respect which are a condition precedent of all attempts at reunion, and it has provided the opportunity for practical co-operation. It is now recognised that anything like uniformity among the Churches is an impossible dream, but that a unity of spirit, aim and service is well within the range of practical politics. The reunion of certain of the Methodist denominations, of the United Presbyterian and Free Churches in Scotland, the constant co-operation of Congregational and Baptist Churches in this country and the schemes of reunion that are being ventilated in Canada and Australia, all these point in the direction of something even closer than a federation of the Free Evangelical Churches. On the mission field this has already been ac-