

One other subject specially inviting attention is the proposition which has been made inviting a union of the Church Association with the Church Union of Toronto. On the 4th of November a communication from that body was laid before the Executive Committee, setting forth that the object proposed by them was "the combination of Churchmen of all shades of opinion in such works of piety and charity as must approve themselves to the understanding and heart of every member of our Church."

They accordingly invited the Church Association to make "at least an attempt to act in harmony," and asked for a committee to be appointed to confer with one of their own body. To this a reply was sent reciprocating kindly feeling, but pressing on their notice the special distinctive object for which the Church Association had been formed, and asking them to state what objections, if any, they had to the Constitution of this Association; and in what respect it would require to be modified so as to be acceptable to them. To this the Church Union replied, declining to state any objections to the Constitution, but pressing anew for a Committee of Conference. In reply, your Committee stated that while they still believed that their original proposal was the true preliminary with a view to any effort at united or harmonious action, they would not press it further; and the President and three Vice-Presidents were accordingly named a committee to confer with any committee which the Church Union might name. The Church Union thereupon nominated the Venerable Archdeacon Fuller, the Rev. the Provost, and the Hon. G. W. Allan.

The two committees held successive meetings, and received communications in writing, all of which have been communicated to the quarterly meetings of this Association.

It is sufficient, therefore, for your Committee to state that the only definite proposals submitted by the Church Union, with the professed aim of begetting harmony of action between the two bodies, so manifestly pointed to the abandonment of the active work of this Association in its appeals to the Church through the agency of the press, and in its efforts to expose and arrest growing evils before they come to a height, that they could not have approved of them without virtually abandoning the ends for which the Association has been formed. So little indeed did the members of the Church Union appear to realize the importance which this Association attaches to the timely coping with the evils which, owing to timid and temporizing