

(4) The Local Branch can assist the Executive in the circulation of literature on the subject. This is a part of our work which has not as yet been developed, but we hope something will be done by the Executive this year.

I would earnestly commend these four points to the consideration of the officers of the Local Branches. We must make ourselves felt as centres of activity. We shall win respect according to the measure in which we prove our sincerity and our zeal.

#### FAITH AND ORDER

A very important point for our consideration is our relationship to the movement for a world-wide conference of Christian churches on Faith and Order. We are a very small body, the conference is a very large one. Yet we are related. We have a community of idea and of purpose, and there is no doubt that we have the power to help or to hinder that movement.

I have been in communication with Mr. Gardiner, the Secretary, and I am a subscriber to their literature. As a result of my enquiries, I find the present position of the Conference to be distinctly encouraging. An immense number of committees of many churches have been organized, and the feeling of sympathy with the object in mind—*i. e.*, the holding of the Conference—is undoubtedly wide-spread. On the other hand, the difficulties in the way are very great. The merely secretarial work is enormous, the organizing of all the various committees and the collating of their results is a stupendous task. When the idea of the Conference was first endorsed the year 1915 was mentioned as its possible date. It is now clear that it will be several years before matters are sufficiently in train for the final arrangements. In the meantime the Conference