

ing some of these organic unions in the States, where he had resided, and had found more disunion among the members of those amalgamated bodies than existed between the different sections of the Evangelical Church.

Rev. J. G. Sanderson thought there was an entire misapprehension as to the sentiments of the address. His impression had been, while listening to the address, that, instead of letting down the bars of our denomination, the retiring Chairman was putting them up. He was rather telling others, "You must come to us," instead of giving them the opportunity of asking, "Why not, then, abandon your denomination and come over to ours?" In laying down a basis for Christian union, our basis was the only unsectarian one, and all must become Congregationalists.

Rev. H. Sanders thought it would be better to do in our *Year Book* what is done in England, viz., put in the preface a general disclaimer against regarding the utterances of any individual member as the sentiments of the whole body.

Rev. W. F. Clarke (Convener of the Business Committee) thought that, by the publication of the address broadcast, a misconception would go abroad that these were our denominational views entirely. He would like to see a disclaimer published through the same medium as that in which the address had been published.

Rev. E. Barker was amused at the different opinions expressed by the brethren as to the sentiments of the address. It was evident enough, as one brother admitted, that they had neither heard nor read it carefully. It was a pity that the features in it that were considered objectionable by some were not quoted from the address itself, if they could find them there. Then we could know what we were about.

By motion of Rev. F. H. Marling, the recommendation of the Business Committee was re-committed to them for amendment.

On the second day after, the Committee reported the following recommendation in place of the former one :—

"That this Union tenders to the Rev. E. Barker its cordial thanks for his address from the chair; and while considering the manifestation of Christian union among all sincere followers of the Lord Jesus Christ an object to be desired and striven for whenever occasion offers, would also record its strong conviction that such a consummation should be sought in continuation with the maintenance, in separate church organizations, of the distinctive Scriptural principles on which the Congregational polity is held to be based."

Rev. C. Chapman, M.A., who presented the recommendation on behalf of the Committee, explained that it was not intended as a disclaimer of responsibility for the sentiments of the address, but rather an affirmation of our sentiments as a body on the question of Christian union.

A long discussion ensued again, during which different amendments were submitted, and either withdrawn or voted down. Professor Cornish and Rev. H. Sanders would prefer to have the latter part of the resolution dropped, and have it close with the words, "The maintenance of separate church organizations." Rev. F. H. Marling would substitute for this, "The maintenance of Scriptural principles;" but this was objected to as a favourite tenet of "Brethrenism." Rev. W. F. Clarke moved, in amendment, the former report of the Committee. Rev. J. Salmon, B.A., would omit all after the expression of thanks to the Chairman, and add, "That it be printed in the minutes of the Union." On a close vote, the original motion for adopting the Committee's second recommendation was carried.

After the prayer-meeting on the morning after the delivery of the Chairman's address, and some routine business, the Union Committee nominated as

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for next year, the Rev. Joseph Unsworth, of Georgetown. The nomination was accepted by vote and acclamation. The new Chairman was conducted to his seat, and addressed the Union briefly, returning thanks for the honour conferred on