

Christianity from its nature renounces all such human control. If one man is not infallible, neither can a thousand be, nor ten thousand. Each individual among Liberal Christians will gratefully accept all the good he can receive from such a meeting in the way of instruction, counsel, and friendly guidance ; but he cannot concede to it any authority. He cannot permit any man, or any assembly of men, any creed, decree, or humanly constructed symbol to interpose between his soul and God. God speaking in and through Christ is his only authority in Christianity. The use of such meetings as the proposed Convention, is to elicit thought on such topics as may from time to time be suggested by the circumstances of the denomination in itself, or as it stands related to the general body of Christians, or to society at large. Each member, by hearing expressed the collective thought of his brethren, by having the various sides of a subject presented to his notice, is better enabled, from a larger understanding thereof, to form his own conclusion. And whether minister or layman, he will receive added strength and satisfaction from the larger and clearer view he obtains.

In the Unitarian Convention a wider freedom of expression may be expected [than that which prevails in other bodies of religionists, who are bound by humanly constructed creeds and symbols. A meeting pledged to such symbols cannot permit them to be openly and freely contravened or discussed. Whatever doubts or difficulties may exist in individual minds, they must be hushed and kept quiet. Among Unitarians it is directly otherwise. The differences are sure to come to the surface. And what is more, these differences commonly appear in greatly magnified proportions. We have no hesitation in affirming, that in a collective body of Unitarian ministers and laymen there will be found as general an agreement on all essential points of religion, as is to be found in any other such body, even though bound together by written