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has some baptist churches, and the number is increasing. Here the struggle between benevolent effort and inaction has commenced, and, as in all other cases, it must be eventually decided in favour of holy effort.

The free-will baptists of the United States constitute a considerable portion of the baptist community, having about 650 churches. The statements given by Dr. Cox, in his personal narrative of a visit to Lisbon, will enable the reader to form some estimate of this denomination. They are in general full of ardour and activity; and, especially of late, through the incessant exertions of Mr. Sutton, now on his return to India, have engaged with much resolution in the missionary enterprise. Their leading ministers and people display also a characteristic zeal in opposing the principles of slavery, and they evince a spirit of ready co-operation in whatever may be judiciously attempted to promote its extermination. It may be probably anticipated, that, although the churches which compose this body and those of the calvinistic order, are at present separated from each other by their dividing peculiarities of sentiment, yet a gradual relaxation of the rigidities of system will ultimately produce not only an individual but denominational approximation. This has been the case in England, and may, in all probability, be the progress of events in America.

The baptists of America are *almost* universally *strict communionists*, that is, they admit none to a