

grouping of little congregations under one pastorate, the arrangement of interdenominational pulpit services, so that each village centre would have an intelligent sermon once a week, the closer co-operation of diverse Christians in temperance and other moral reforms, the use of one another's college professors, without infringing on denominational susceptibilities, the employment of joint literature in its highest forms, the occasional merging of our annual conferences into one assembly, and a common fraternal understanding after the pattern of Abraham and Lot, that when one denomination erects its tabernacle to the right, the other shall go to the left;—these and other plans are more or less practical, and perhaps demand the thought and effort of Christian men to make them practicable."

To the same effect spoke the Boston *Congregationalist*, in an article on the recent meeting of the Evangelical Alliance:—

"The object of the Alliance is not to do away with the existence of different denominations. It does not seek yet—probably it never will—to form any one organically comprehensive church. But it is striving to make more evident and potential the great facts that all Evangelical believers are essentially united already, in their community of spirit and purpose, and are in duty bound to combine in action whenever co-operative effort can be proved to be the more economical and fruitful. It insists that the possibilities of such active co-operation now have become too numerous and too promising to be longer neglected. It urges that, in the almost utter hopelessness of success by means of separate efforts, in view of present conditions, there is an unmistakeable indication of Divine Providence that the time has come for combined endeavor. There can be no denial that these positions now commend themselves to more Christians than ever have accepted them in the past, and especially to many who used to seem the most adverse to indorsing them."

It is my privilege to belong to a denomination which, though not so imposing in point of numbers and organisation and resources as some others in this land, has yet no need to be ashamed of its character and record, nor of the ecclesiastical ancestry from which it has sprung. It is a Church that has been militant and suffering on more fields than one; but it has never been indifferent to the blessing of the peace-makers, and has always been ready to stretch out hands of cordial fellowship with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. And in concluding this paper, I may say, that every member of this Church will hail with profound and grateful satisfaction any