

union. It is not the Alpha nor the Omega of the religion of Christ. Beside, I know that I have enjoyed the love of God without all this ado about union, and God will bless us again.

*Baptist.* Brethren, I should like to look at this matter coolly. If it is true, as brother C. argues, that the conversion of the world depends upon the union of believers, the subject is a more serious one than I had thought it was. It appears much, as brother P. said, as if the salvation of the world depends upon union. One thing is becoming obvious, viz: that *our support depends upon our union.*

*Presbyterian.* Dr. Rice has shown, that we now have Christian union, and that the union we now have is better than if we were all amalgamated in one church.

*Lutheran.* I read all that Dr. Rice said on that point, with the fond hope that he would make an apology for our present condition; but I felt more condemned at the close of my reading than at the commencement. I have never been able to twist my conscience so far, as to think that when Paul exhorted the Corinthians to be perfectly joined together in the *same mind* and in the same judgment, and that there be no *divisions among them*, he only intended such a state of things as we now have. And when he said, "There is one body," he meant that we now compose that body.

*Episcopalian.* Brethren, I have spent much time in perusing ancient Church History, and I am free to admit that there was but one church, but one order, denomination, or communion in the apostolic churches. The apostles all belonged to one church, and all the first Christians. No man the least acquainted with church history can deny this.

*Baptist.* Brethren, it has now been a little over two months since my brethren suspended my pastoral labors by withdrawing my support. I have had but little to do but read and meditate upon this subject; and I not only agree to the statement that there was but one church in the apostolic age, but they had but *one faith*. And, to be candid, ever since I have been a minister of the Gospel, when I was most engaged in the cause, and felt the deepest emotions of piety, I always prayed for the union of all the children of God.

*Methodist.* Brethren, I do not know what you all mean, in the strange turn things seem to be taking; but since you are expressing yourselves so freely, I will state candidly that when I got religion—