

try to the disparagement of our own. Not a few, however, of those who every season find their way to our shores, are lost to the denomination, and in some instances to the Church of Christ, from the cause above alluded to. We therefore cordially endorse the suggestion of our English namesake's correspondent, and would strongly urge upon pastors the importance of putting those about to emigrate, or to remove to other localities, into immediate communication with the ministers in the places to which they are removing. We would also earnestly recommend members of churches about to remove to *take letters of transference with them*, and not wait till they settle down before they ask for them. The dangers of dissociation from Christian fellowship are so great that it is better to connect one's self with a church, even if it should be for only three months, rather than wander round, as many do, oftentimes to drop their profession altogether.

There is among us another sore evil under the sun, to which we must advert in this connection. We know not how it may be with emigrants to Australia, but some who come to Canada forget all their good training in England, and suddenly become enamoured with Presbyterianism, or Methodism, or even Episcopacy, as soon as they discover how much more respectable and influential these forms of religious belief are than our own. They can't endure the chilling shade of poverty and unpopularity after having been associated with the leading Nonconformist body in Britain, and sat, as they boast, under some of the greatest preachers of modern times. And so they find some reason for *not liking* the Congregational church, or minister, or meeting-house, very well, and quietly slip over the way, and connect themselves with an organization that costs less per head, and commercially and socially pays better.

Nor is the failing chargeable against British emigrants alone. We have known cases of a similar character among members of Eastern churches coming to reside in the towns and rural districts of the West. Deacons and others have come from Montreal and elsewhere, who could find no church or preacher among us good enough for them, and who, after having been "dandled upon the knees" of Congregationalism, have forgotten all their obligations, and lent their influence and wealth to the building up of other denominations. We know of localities in which it is said that there are more persons professing to hold our principles *outside* of the Congregational church than there are *within* it, and that from no fault of the present incumbent. What *their* principles are worth may not, perhaps, be difficult to estimate. Probably we have lost but little beyond their *money*. But, be that as it may, such a course is wholly unworthy of any one belonging to a Christian church, and we hope all our ministers will use their influence to prevent the repetition of it in future.

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### CHRISTIAN UNION.

The *Church Union* advocates the union of the Baptists and Congregationalists:—"Let Congregationalists and Baptists with all earnestness seek to meet on cordial terms, and strive to see how near they agree, rather than how far they differ. Surely, Satan's kingdom would tremble, and his agents be filled with disappointment and rage, if it were