

and interesting. He does not expect all his readers to adopt his conclusions, and he would be disappointed if he did; but in so far as it throws light on the controversy in question, it is welcome, and we may join the author in his hopes that the "serious inquirer will find some of his difficulties removed, and be encouraged to look forward confidently to that glorious day when the commonwealth of the saints shall present the spectacle of a united brotherhood."

*The Church* (3) is a pamphlet designed to show that "not one of the existing religious bodies has the right to call itself the true Church; but in every nation—and, we may add, in every smaller society—he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted with God. These are the true building stones for that spiritual temple which no power in the world can destroy; these alone may be called members of Christ." In the author's opinion, it is not advisable to leave one society and join another, merely because certain men or forms please us. Failings, weaknesses, and sins will be found everywhere, whatever society we may choose to select. He also maintains that "what is necessary to salvation is put clearly before us in the Bible, and may be understood by every one without commentary or explanation. It is the perfect harmony with the requirements of our conscience, and commends itself to everybody's heart." But how the truths of Scripture are to be made known and brought home without the aid of ministers of the Gospel the author does not say. If the intention of the author of this pamphlet be to increase the mutual love of Christians of various denominations, and to assist towards their unity, we wish him success; but as they are set down, his sympathies towards heathens and others are broader than generally obtain. The little work forms part of a larger treatise entitled *On the Object of Life*.

In *Bibliotheca Sacra* for July, 1890, there is an article on the Seven Failures of Calvinism, a striking article analogous to the subject alluded to above; and in the *Canadian Methodist Quarterly* of the same date (published at Toronto, Montreal, and Halifax), the Rev. W. Harrison discusses the question of Church and State in England, which may be read in the same connection. Both these periodicals present articles of the usual standard of excellence, and they deserve recognition in all parts of Christendom.

(1) *The Synagogue, not the Temple, the Germ and Model of the Christian Church*. By the Rev. James Gall. London: Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent & Co. Edinburgh: Gall & Inglis.

(2) *The Framework of the Church*. By W. D. Killen, D.D. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark. 1890. Price 9s.

(3) *The Church; The Body of All True Worshippers, no Matter what Human Society they may belong to*. London: Nisbet & Co. Price 4d.