

sented on that occasion. Perhaps the most remarkable utterance that has ever issued from any portion of the Modern Church is the basis of organic church union which was formulated by the last Lambeth Conference in 1888. This four-sided fortress, as it has been well called, which is so worthy of consideration and acceptance from its broadness as from its strength, its catholicity as from its unflinching loyalty to the ultimate principles of Christian doctrine, lays down four foundation stones upon which it is hoped the Church of Christ will finally build a superstructure magnificent in its unity and strength. These foundation stones are as follows :—

(a) The Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as "containing all things necessary to salvation," and as being the rule and ultimate standard of faith.

(b) The Apostles' Creed as the Baptismal Symbol, and the Nicene Creed as the sufficient statement of the Christian faith.

(c) The two Sacraments ordained by Christ Himself, Baptism and the Supper of the Lord, ministered with the un failing use of Christ's words of institution, and of the elements ordained by him.

(d) The Historic Episcopate, locally adapted in the methods of its administration to the varying needs of the nations and peoples called of God into the unity of His Church.

It is obvious, if the different branches of the Christian Church ever respond to the earnest desire for closer union of which this is the expression, and negotiations are entered upon with such an object in view, the discussion, if discussion there be, will dwell chiefly upon the fourth and last of the principles enunciated. And therefore it is particularly interesting and noticeable that this fourth article is characterized by the very limit of broadness consistent with an honest loyalty to principle.

Can we, as members of that part of the church from which this proposition emanated play any part in what may one day be an actual historical fact,—the union of all the Protestant Christian bodies. Here in the metropolis of the Dominion we form the chief source from which the ranks of the clergy of a large portion of this Province

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