

Lu. I perfectly accord with all that has been said, and am unable to express my gratitude to God for the work accomplishing in our midst.

Chr. Brethren, I cannot believe there is a good being in heaven or upon earth, that will not rejoice in the work in which we are now engaged. The benefit resulting from this move in our own town, will be worth the labors of a lifetime. Whenever we meet, from this time forward, we are to meet as *brethren*, in one common faith. Religion will not be driven from the family circle by division. When we meet as neighbors, the subject of religion will not be kept back on account of disagreement. When we start for the Lord's house, we shall all go to the same house, to serve the same Lord, and the Lord's prayer, that we may be one, will be answered, so far as we are concerned. May we be enabled to keep, with the utmost fidelity, the everlasting covenant upon which we now enter! While we sing, let us extend to each other the hand, in token of our *union*, and as a pledge that we shall maintain it and extend it, if possible, from the rivers to the ends of the earth. Sing the words—

“Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.”

When this interesting ceremony was performed, a brother rose and said:

Brethren, we have the means now to give as much to the support of the cause as we did before our union, and I hope the will to give much more. I therefore propose, that we sell all the meeting-houses belonging to us except one, and that the proceeds be constituted a poor fund, and sacredly kept for that object; and, as we have now five preachers more than we need constantly with us, we constitute them *Home Missionaries*, and sustain them to preach the glorious Gospel throughout the whole land.

This motion unanimously carried.

☞ When a man has just religion enough to make him hate those who profess a different faith, he is not more than half converted.

☞ It is with ideas as with pieces of money, those of the least value generally circulate the most.