

something over which we ought not to rest until it has been rectified, in the fact that such men, such Christians, were not received by us to the communion of our common Lord and Master nor we by them."

But what agencies has God been using to bring about the changes to which these referred? Those in a paper of this character can be little more than touched upon.

The Evangelical Alliance it was which furnished the first platform in order after the British and Foreign Bible Society, upon which brethren of the various denominations could meet, through the help of which brethren were enabled to discover how much there was upon which they were agreed, and how little there was upon which they differed.

Then came the Young Men's Christian Association. This agency in my judgment, has been one of the main factors in working wondrous changes, not through the extent of its work only, but through its variety, its agents embracing all the churches, and its work being in keeping with its distinguishing motto, "One is our Master even Christ, and all ye are brethren."

From it appears to have sprung what might be appropriately termed the Convention era,—Provincial, Dominion and International Conventions for its own work; Conventions for Sunday School work; Christian work; and Temperance work. And these have been characterized by such a spirit of unity that unless the church with which a brother was associated was known, nothing which he said or did at such Convention could indicate to what particular section of the Church of Christ he belonged.

I was, in common with all who attended the meetings of the International Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association held in Baltimore about 1878, specially impressed with that noticeable feature of that wonderful gathering. Brethren were there of every denomination and from every part of the world. The Convention was under the presidency of Mr. D. L. Moody. The series of meetings more nearly approached the description which we have of the "Day of Pentecost" than any meeting which I had ever before or have since attended. The hallowed influences which attended them can never be forgotten. As a proof of how little one knew of each other's denominational peculiarities I may mention that while undertaking to present my report to the Home Association upon my return, I stated, that to such an extent did the spirit of